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JOHNSON & JOHNSON SETTLES WITH UNITED STATES OVER RECORD-KEEPING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

PHILADELPHIA - Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced that Johnson & Johnson has agreed to pay \$511,000 in fines to the U.S. government for failing to report importations of drugs under the Controlled Substances Act.

Johnson & Johnson owns a facility in Lititz, Pennsylvania, formerly owned by Warner-Lambert. From 2001 until 2005, Warner-Lambert owned and operated the facility and, on 73 occasions, imported Benedryl-D, a product containing pseudophedrine. Warner-Lambert did not file any Form 486s with DEA for these importations. Johnson&Johnson, which now owns the facility through its wholly owned subsidiary, McNeil- PPC Inc., has agreed to pay \$511,000.00 in fines for Warner-Lambert's failure to report the pseudophedrine importation to DEA.

The Controlled Substances Act requires those who import, distribute and dispense controlled substances to report to DEA any importation of such drugs. Such reports allow DEA to track drugs that, although legal when prescribed by a physician, are commonly abused and sold illegally. The Act imposes civil penalties for violations of its record keeping and filing requirements as incentive for importers to help DEA combat illegal diversion of these drugs. One provision of the Act is the requirement that an import declaration, DEA Form 486, be filed within 15 days of the importation of products containing specified chemical used in manufacturing controlled substances, such as pseudophedrine.

“DEA is often our first line of defense against illegal drug activity, including the illegal sale of prescription drugs on our streets,” said Magid. “When importers do not inform DEA that they have controlled substances in our communities, they unnecessarily hamper DEA’s efforts to fight crimes associated with those drugs.”

The case was investigated by DEA Drug Diversion Investigators Dorothy Coursey and Scott Doubet. The case was handled by AUSA Susan Bricklin.

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