

14908 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

Alleged Abuse of Pennwalt's Anti-Obesity Products

The IMS analysis of the relevant data on individual prescription size, for the most recent complete calendar year, 1975, shows that:

Average Number of Capsules, Per Physician's Prescription

Ionamin	31.1 Capsules
Biphetamine	33.5 Capsules

We believe it appropriate to conclude that the average obese patient therefore receives a prescription for enough Biphetamine or Ionamin capsules to provide one-per-day treatment up to a maximum of but 4 to 5 weeks, for short-term support. We therefore continue to believe that the IMS analysis demonstrates that pharmacies and the medical profession are providing a necessary service and that the patients are not afforded, by that process, the opportunity for any meaningful abuse. Thus, regardless of anecdotes relating to the alleged high volume of capsules per prescription, in actuality the prescription data reported by IMS is consistent with judicious prescription by the medical profession.