

14980 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

AMPHETAMINE DIVERSION

Background

In the White Paper on Drug Abuse published during September, 1975, the Domestic Council Drug Abuse Task Force reported that the use of various dangerous drugs (including barbiturates, tranquilizers, and amphetamines) has increased rapidly in the United States during the last decade. This report further states that, "These drugs are being prescribed more frequently and used more often in the general population... Most of this use is under medical direction and controlled by prescription. But uncontrolled non-medical use of these drugs has grown sharply during this period of increasing usage..."

Abused amphetamine can be categorized in two broad classes - those originating from legitimate sources (manufacturers, wholesalers, physicians, pharmacies, etc.) and those of clandestine origin. This paper will attempt to put into perspective the extent of abuse of amphetamine originating from legitimate sources.

Amphetamines For Human Use

On February 12, 1975, the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare published in the Federal Register, Volume 38, No. 4249-50, a statement relative to "Amphetamines for Human Use." A copy of this notice is