

15020 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

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Region 11 - DALLAS

Region 11 reports the following:

1. Amphetamines are readily available from prescribing and dispensing doctors.
2. Records indicate almost all weight control programs dispense more than a 21 day supply, and approximately 30% to 50% of the patients are given medication for two months or longer.
3. It appears that from 3% to 10% of all amphetamines purchased or seized in Texas and Oklahoma are from legitimately manufactured sources.
4. It also appears that approximately 99% of the legitimate amphetamines purchased or seized by DEA agents in Texas in 1975 and through September 1976 were of Mexican origin.
5. Accountability investigations during 1974, 1975, and 1976 to date reveal wholesalers with only minor deviations in accountability regarding amphetamine products. Two Type A registrants a pharmacy and a doctor, and one manufacturing representative had significant deviations.
6. Texas Diversion Investigation Unit has made cases against doctors prescribing or dispensing amphetamines.