

15154 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

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Summary of Dangerous Drug Traffic from Mexico into
the United States

The occurrence of amphetamines appearing in the domestic illicit traffic, which apparently originated in Mexico has been occurring at a constant level over a long period. It is reasonable to assume that the diversion and smuggling of amphetamines from Mexico will increase due to the moving of amphetamines to Schedule II. This change of schedule with the corresponding restrictions on domestic availability, and the demand for amphetamines in the illicit traffic will be reflected in the increased activity in the amphetamine diversion and smuggling from Mexico.

Information gathered to date shows this problem emanating from three sources which, though independent, complement each other in creating the abuse situation. Briefly these sources are:

1) Laboratories Strassenburgh de Mexico S. A. Mexico DF Mexico - Intelligence information obtained from Regions 5, 6, 8, 11 and 12 show Biphentanina 20 (an amphetamine product produced by Laboratories Strassenburgh de Mexico for distribution in Mexico) is readily available at truck stops throughout New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, Florida and Colorado. A preliminary intelligence survey conducted by ENFA shows that between April 1 - September 30, 1971, ENFA has made purchases and seizures of Biphentanina 20 totalling over 177,000 dosage units. These purchases and seizures have been made in 13 separate cases. Region 6 has submitted a secondary system consisting of the illicit distribution of Biphentanina. This secondary system documents an illicit distribution of 240,000 dosage units monthly. Another proposed secondary system submitted by Region 5 documents a monthly diversion of 180,000 dosage units of Biphentanina. These two proposed systems, however, represent only a small portion of the overall availability of this product in the illicit traffic. Information obtained from U. S. Customs Mexican Border Stations indicates an additional 157,000 Biphentanina capsules were seized from April 1, 1971 - September 30, 1971. The

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