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The country's largest amphetamine products exporter, whose Mexican stimulant drug capsules have been showing up in large quantities in the illicit United States market, has decided not to seek renewal of its export license, Attorney General John N. Mitchell announced today. Mr. Mitchell said the action will result in an additional 10% rollback in the 1972 amphetamine production quota set by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Mr. Mitchell said that the Strassenburgh Prescription Products Division of the Pennwalt Corporation has agreed to withdraw its December 27, 1971, application to the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD) for a license to continue exporting amphetamines.

BNDD Director John E. Ingersoll said that the company's action came in response to an order to show cause which was served on the Strassenburgh Division on January 18, 1972.

The order, based on information developed by a special BNDD investigative task force designated "Operation Blackjack," showed that a substantial percentage of amphetamine exported to Mexico by Strassenburgh had been smuggled back into the United States for illegal sale here.

Mr. Ingersoll said that BNDD will move immediately to reduce the 1972 production quota for all U.S. manufacturers.