

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY 15177

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R. J. Strassenburgh - Ionamin

ENA has recently become cognizant of the product Ionamin manufactured by R. J. Strassenburgh, Rochester, New York, appearing in the illicit traffic.

During Operation Blackjack a truck stop owner in Sylacauga, Alabama, offered unlimited quantities of the drug for sale stating that it was as good as Bifetamine, easier to get and could well take the place of Bifetamine in the illicit traffic. This drug has also been purchased by ENDD recently in Region I.

A local pharmacist has advised that a detailman of R. J. Strassenburgh advised him that Ionamin would be replacing Bifetamine as a weight reduction drug. This detailman further advised that ENDD had entered into an agreement with R. J. Strassenburgh stipulating that if Strassenburgh allowed Bifetamine to be placed in Schedule II that ENDD would not place Ionamin under control.

In view of the above it appears that Ionamin has the potential of becoming a drug of abuse. Would you please keep me advised as to any information which may come to your attention on Ionamin appearing in the illicit traffic in any dosage form.

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