

SECURED BY THE DEFENSE PERSONNEL SUPPORT CENTER (DPSC) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A FRAME OF REFERENCE FOR OUR RESPONSE, AS WELL AS OUR INTEREST IN OBTAINING SUCH DATA AND INFORMATION FROM DPSC RELATIVE TO DRUG PRODUCTS AND PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS, PERMIT ME TO DESCRIBE BRIEFLY OUR ONGOING INVOLVEMENT AND ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF DRUG PRODUCT QUALITY.

THE VERY FIRST OBJECT LISTED IN BOTH THE APhA CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION AND THE APhA CONSTITUTION IS DIRECTLY ADDRESSED TO THIS MATTER. SPECIFICALLY, OBJECT A OF THE ASSOCIATION'S CONSTITUTION READS AS FOLLOWS:

Article II. Objects.

This ASSOCIATION shall exist for the following purposes:

A. To aid in improving, promoting, and safeguarding the public health and welfare in every practical manner and by all practical means--

1. By maintaining a compendium of standards and specifications calculated to promote the safety, efficacy, and purity of drugs, to be known as the *National Formulary*. Criteria for establishing such standards and specifications, and procedures to be followed in qualifying an article for admission to the *National Formulary*, shall be established by a Board, elected by the Board of Trustees, to be known as the National Formulary Board; and

2. By promoting the safe use of drugs and aiding in the detection and prevention of adulteration and misbranding of drugs and medicines, and by taking such steps, as an ASSOCIATION and in cooperation with other organizations, as will assure the production and distribution of drugs and medicines of the highest quality, in a manner consistent with practices deemed reasonably necessary to ensure their purity and safety.

SINCE ITS FOUNDING 122 YEARS AGO, APhA HAS PURSUED A CONSISTENT AND RELENTLESS EFFORT NOT ONLY TO FERRET OUT AND IDENTIFY ADULTERATED AND MISBRANDED DRUGS BUT ALSO TO