

The company plans to bulk manufacture small quantities of the above controlled substances for use in clinical research. No other activities for these drug codes are authorized for this registration.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. DEA-853]

Importer of Controlled Substances
Application: Andersonbrecon Inc. DBA
PCI of Illinois

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement
Administration, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Andersonbrecon Inc. DBA PCI of Illinois has applied to be registered as an importer of basic class(es) of controlled substance(s). Refer to **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** listed below for further drug information.

DATES: Registered bulk manufacturers of the affected basic class(es), and applicants therefore, may file written comments on or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration on or before July 19, 2021. Such persons may also file a written request for a hearing on the application on or before July 19, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Drug Enforcement Administration, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative/DPW, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152. All requests for a hearing must be sent to: Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: Administrator, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152. All request for a hearing should also be sent to: (1) Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: Hearing Clerk/OALJ, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152; and (2) Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: DEA Federal Register Representative/DPW, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 21 CFR 1301.34(a), this is notice that on May 17, 2021, Andersonbrecon Inc. DBA PCI of Illinois, 5775 Logistics Parkway, Rockford, Illinois 61109-3608 applied to be registered as an importer of the following basic class(es) of controlled substance(s):

Controlled substance	Drug code	Schedule
Tetrahydrocannabinols	7370	I

The company plans to import the listed controlled substance for clinical trial studies only. No other activity for these drug codes is authorized for this registration.

Approval of permit applications will occur only when the registrant's business activity is consistent with what is authorized under 21 U.S.C. 952(a)(2). Authorization will not extend to the import of the Food and Drug Administration-approved or non-approved finished dosage forms for commercial sale.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Johnny C. Benjamin, Jr., M.D.;
Decision and Order

I. Procedural Background

On September 28, 2018, the Assistant Administrator, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration (hereinafter, DEA or Government), issued an Order to Show Cause (hereinafter, OSC) to Johnny C. Benjamin, Jr., M.D. (hereinafter, Registrant) of Vero Beach, Florida. OSC, at 1. The OSC proposed the revocation of Registrant's Certificate of Registration No. BB3725732. *Id.* It alleged that Registrant has "been convicted of a felony relating to controlled substances and ha[s] no state authority to handle controlled substances." *Id.* (citing 21 U.S.C. 824(a)(2) & (a)(3)).

Specifically, the OSC alleged that on April 27, 2018, Registrant was convicted by a Federal jury of: Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute furanyl fentanyl resulting in death, in violation of 21 U.S.C. 846; distribution of furanyl fentanyl resulting in death, in violation of 21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1); attempt to possess with intent to distribute acetyl fentanyl, in violation of 21 U.S.C. 846; possession with intent to distribute oxycodone, in violation of 21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1); and conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute hydrocodone and oxycodone, in violation of 21 U.S.C. 846. *Id.* at 2. The OSC alleged that on July 6, 2018, the court issued its Judgment and sentenced Registrant to life in prison. *Id.* The OSC also alleged that, on May 3, 2018, "the State of

Florida Department of Health immediately suspended Registrant's Florida Medical License." *Id.* The OSC further alleged that, as a result, Registrant is "currently without authority to handle controlled substances in the State of Florida, the state in which [Registrant] is registered with the DEA." *Id.* (citing 21 U.S.C. 824(a)(3); 21 CFR 1301.37(b)). The OSC concluded that "DEA must revoke . . . [Registrant's] DEA registration based on [his] lack of authority to handle controlled substances in the State of Florida." OSC, at 2.

The OSC notified Registrant of the right to request a hearing on the allegations or to submit a written statement, while waiving the right to a hearing, the procedures for electing each option, and the consequences for failing to elect either option. *Id.* at 2-3 (citing 21 CFR 1301.43). The OSC also notified Registrant of the opportunity to submit a corrective action plan. OSC, at 3-4 (citing 21 U.S.C. 824(c)(2)(C)).

II. Adequacy of Service

In a sworn Declaration, dated January 17, 2019, a DEA Diversion Investigator assigned to the West Palm Beach District Office of the Miami Division (hereinafter, DI) stated that she "spoke by telephone with United States Penitentiary Coleman SIS Technician [T.B.] to determine what procedures the prison had in place for serving legal documents on prisoners and [to] make arrangements for service of the [OSC] on Registrant." Government's Request for Final Agency Action (hereinafter, RFAA) Exhibit (hereinafter, RFAAX) 7 (DI Declaration), at 1. DI stated that T.B. explained that T.B. "would personally serve the [OSC] on [Registrant]." *Id.* Accordingly, DI stated that, on October 10, 2018, she sent the OSC via FedEx addressed to T.B. along with an unsigned Form DEA-12, Receipt for Cash or Other items. *Id.* DI further declared that on October 18, 2018, she "received a FedEx package . . . from [T.B.] with the Form DEA-12 which had been signed by Registrant and witnessed by [T.B.], dated October 16, 2018." *Id.*; see also RFAAX 7, Attachment (Form DEA-12).

Additionally, on September 28, 2018, the DEA Office of Chief Counsel (hereinafter, CC) mailed the OSC to Registrant at both his registered address and his prison address. RFAAX 6 (CC Declaration of Service). Neither letter was returned to the Office of Chief Counsel as undeliverable. *Id.*

The Government forwarded its RFAA, along with the evidentiary record, to this office on January 23, 2019. In its RFAA, the Government represents that