



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1117-0012]

Agency Information Collection Activities;

Proposed eCollection, eComments Requested;

Extension without change of a previously approved collection

**Application for Registration, Application for Registration Renewal, Affidavit for Chain
Renewal**

DEA Forms 225, 225a and 225b

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 60-day Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

If you have comments on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Michael J. Lewis, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration; Mailing Address: 8701 Morrissette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152; Telephone: (202) 598-6812.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information proposed to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Registration, Application for Registration Renewal, Affidavit for Chain Renewal.

3. *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* The form numbers are **DEA Forms 225, 225a, and 225b**. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Drug Enforcement Administration, Diversion Control Division.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

Affected public: Business or other for-profit.

Affected public (Other): Not-for-profit institutions, Federal, State, local, and tribal governments.

Abstract: The Controlled Substances Act requires all businesses and individuals who manufacture, distribute, import, export, and conduct research and laboratory analysis with controlled substances to register with DEA. 21 U.S.C. 822, 21 CFR 1301.11 and 1301.13. Registration is a necessary control measure and helps to prevent diversion by ensuring the closed system of distribution of controlled substances can be monitored by DEA and the businesses and individuals handling controlled substances are qualified to do so and are accountable.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The below table presents information regarding the number of respondents, responses and associated burden hours.

	Number of Annual Respondents	Average Time per Response	Total Annual Hours
DEA-225 (paper)	308	0.33 hours (20 minutes)	103
DEA-225 (online)	1,993	0.17 hours (10 minutes)	332
DEA-225a (paper)	366	0.25 hours (15 minutes)	92
DEA-225a (online)	13,248	0.12 hours (7 minutes)	1,546
DEA-225b (chain renewal)*	4	1 hour	4
Total	15,919		2,076

* In total, 4 chains represent 82 individual registrant locations. Figures are rounded.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the proposed*

collection: The DEA estimates that this collection takes 2,076 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required please contact: Melody Braswell, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, Suite 3E.405B, Washington, DC 20530.

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