

11D-2.005 Methamphetamine Precursor Electronic Monitoring System

(1) A pharmacy or retailer conducting business within the state of Florida who engages in the sale of any nonprescription compound, mixture, or preparation containing ephedrine or related compounds shall be required to participate in the Methamphetamine Precursor Electronic Monitoring System

(2) Definitions:

(a) “Department” means the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE).

(b) “Exemption” refers to the two part criteria outlined in 893.1495(5)(b), F.S., which states: “a pharmacy or retailer may request an exemption from electronic reporting from the Department of Law Enforcement if the pharmacy or retailer lacks the technology to access the electronic recordkeeping system and such pharmacy or retailer maintains a sales volume of less than 72 grams of ephedrine or related compounds in a 30 day period.”

(c) “National Precursor Log Exchange” (NPLEx) refers to the FDLE approved Methamphetamine Precursor Electronic Monitoring System.

(d) “Retailer” refers to any person, entity, or business including a pharmacy, within the state of Florida, who engages in the sale of nonprescription compounds, mixtures, or preparations containing ephedrine or related compounds, ephedrine or related products that does not meet the criteria in Sections 893.1495(5)(b), or 893.1495(10), F.S.

(3) Each retailer who engages in the sale of any nonprescription compound, mixture, or preparation containing ephedrine or related compounds shall contact the Department to enroll in NPLEx. Requests for information, enrollment, and training can be accomplished online at <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us> (look for Meth Monitoring System), by email to MethLaw@fdle.state.fl.us or by telephone, contact the NPLEx administrator at 850-410-8300, or in writing to FDLE NPLEx Administrator, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1489.

(4) Exemptions. The Department shall grant an exemption from electronic reporting to a retailer, upon request, if the retailer lacks the technology to access NPLEx, and the retailer maintains a sales volume of less than 72 grams of ephedrine or related compounds in a 30 day period.

(a) The “technology necessary to access NPLEEx” requires a computer with an Internet connection that is available in any sales area within the retailer location.

(b) The “30 day period” for the purpose of determining an exemption shall be calculated from the 1st day of each calendar month.

(c) The retailer’s request for an exemption shall be made by completing FDLE Exemption form, FDLE I&FS-012, created 08/16/2010, and hereby incorporated by reference. The form is available online or can be obtained by contacting the Department. See paragraph (3) above for contact information.

(d) The Exemption form must be completed in its entirety, signed by the retailer or retail manager claiming the exemption, and notarized by a notary public.

(e) The Department will review the request for exemption, and will grant or deny the request within 14 business days.

1. If the retailer disagrees with the Department’s decision, the retailer may request, in writing, reconsideration of the denial for exemption based upon mistake of fact or law.

2. The request must state the basis for reconsideration and provide any documentation that is available to support the request.

3. The Department will provide a written response to the request for reconsideration.

(f) A retailer must maintain the exemption letter within its place of business, and make it available upon request by any law enforcement officer.

(g) A retailer granted an exemption in this section must notify the Department, in writing, and within 5 days of the completion of the reporting period, of any change in its exemption status regarding the sales volume of ephedrine or related compounds within the 30 day reporting period, or of obtaining the technology to access NPLEEx.

(5) The Department will provide an FDLE NPLEEx Administrator:

(a) who will be responsible for reviewing, approving or denying and responding to requests for exemption from participation in NPLEEx, and

(b) who will be responsible for communication between the Department and the 3rd party administrator selected to administer NPLEEx on all matters to include but not be limited to; compliance with

system requirements, system enhancements, and ensuring the availability of system training for retailers and law enforcement who need access to the system.

Contact information is provided in Paragraph (3) above.

(6) Retailer's Duty to Maintain Logbook.

(a) Should a transaction occur during a period in which NPLEEx is inoperable due to states of declared emergency, natural disaster, or other acts of God, the retailer must:

(b) Maintain a written log capturing all required information and enter the transaction data into NPLEEx within seventy-two (72) hours of the system becoming operational.

(c) Should a retailer be granted an exemption from participation in NPLEEx, it is still the duty of any retailer within the state of Florida to maintain a logbook in compliance with the federal Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005, as specified in Title VII of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-177), and Section 893.1495 F.S. (2009).

(7) Law Enforcement Access to NPLEEx.

(a) Information contained within NPLEEx is available to law enforcement officers, designated by their agency, for law enforcement purposes, pursuant to Section 893.1495, Florida Statutes (2009).

(b) A law enforcement agency may request access to NPLEEx. Requests for information, participation, and training can be accomplished online at <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us> (look for Meth Monitoring System), by email to MethLaw@fdle.state.fl.us or by telephone, contact the NPLEEx administrator at 850-410-8300, or in writing to FDLE NPLEEx Administrator, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1489.

(c) Each law enforcement agency requesting access to the system will identify a single point of contact to be referred to as an "Agency Account Manager," who will be responsible for communicating new account requests and closing of account requests for its law enforcement officers.

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