

Department in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department. Persons registered by the Department under this subheading to manufacture, distribute or dispense controlled dangerous substances are authorized to possess, manufacture, distribute, or dispense such substances (including any such activity in the conduct of research) to the extent authorized by their registration and in conformity with the other provisions of this subheading.

(b) The following persons shall not be required to register and in addition to the aforementioned registrants while acting in the course of their business or profession may lawfully possess controlled dangerous substances under the provisions of this subheading:

(1) An agent, or an employee thereof, of any registered manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser of any controlled dangerous substance if such agent is acting in the usual course of his business or employment;

(2) A common or contract carrier or warehouseman, or an employee thereof, whose possession of any controlled dangerous substance is in the usual course of his business or employment;

(3) An ultimate user or a person in possession of any controlled dangerous substance pursuant to a lawful order of a practitioner, while acting in good faith and in the ordinary course of business or professional practice.

(c) The Department may, by regulation, waive the requirement for registration of certain manufacturers, distributors, or dispensers if the Department finds it consistent with the public health and safety.

(d) A separate registration shall be required at each principal place of business or professional practice where the applicant manufactures, distributes, or dispenses controlled dangerous substances.

(e) The Department is authorized to inspect the establishment of a registrant or applicant for registration in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department.

(f) The Department shall register an applicant to manufacture or distribute controlled dangerous substances included in Schedules I through V unless the Department determines that the issuance of such registration is inconsistent with the public interest. In determining the public interest, the following factors shall be considered:

(1) Maintenance of effective controls against diversion of particular controlled dangerous substances and any