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TITLE 21 - FOOD AND DRUGS

CHAPTER 13 - DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

SUBCHAPTER I - CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT

Part A - Introductory Provisions

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Sec. 801. Congressional findings and declarations: controlled

substances

-STATUTE-

The Congress makes the following findings and declarations:

(1) Many of the drugs included within this subchapter have a

useful and legitimate medical purpose and are necessary to maintain

the health and general welfare of the American people.

(2) The illegal importation, manufacture, distribution, and

possession and improper use of controlled substances have a

substantial and detrimental effect on the health and general

welfare of the American people.

(3) A major portion of the traffic in controlled substances flows

through interstate and foreign commerce. Incidents of the traffic

which are not an integral part of the interstate or foreign flow,

such as manufacture, local distribution, and possession,

nonetheless have a substantial and direct effect upon interstate

commerce because -

(A) after manufacture, many controlled substances are

transported in interstate commerce,

(B) controlled substances distributed locally usually have been

transported in interstate commerce immediately before their

distribution, and

(C) controlled substances possessed commonly flow through

interstate commerce immediately prior to such possession.

(4) Local distribution and possession of controlled substances

contribute to swelling the interstate traffic in such substances.

(5) Controlled substances manufactured and distributed intrastate

cannot be differentiated from controlled substances manufactured

and distributed interstate. Thus, it is not feasible to

distinguish, in terms of controls, between controlled substances

manufactured and distributed interstate and controlled substances

manufactured and distributed intrastate.

(6) Federal control of the intrastate incidents of the traffic in

controlled substances is essential to the effective control of the

interstate incidents of such traffic.

(7) The United States is a party to the Single Convention on

Narcotic Drugs, 1961, and other international conventions designed

to establish effective control over international and domestic

traffic in controlled substances.