



**U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection**

**Informed Compliance Notice for  
Imported Controlled Substances**

██████████ 2012

Reference # ██████████

Description: 1 Envelope Containing  
Modafinil

Dear Madam/Sir:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has interdicted a package addressed to you that contains controlled substances on ██████████, 2012. Please be advised that title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 1312.11 and 1312.12 (21 CFR 1312.1 and 1312.12), prohibit the importation of controlled substances without the express authorization of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Unauthorized importations of controlled substances are subject to seizure and forfeiture under the provisions of title 19, United States Code, Section 1595a(c)(1)(B). However, CBP has decided to allow you the option of voluntarily abandoning the property to the Government after which it will be destroyed in accordance with 41 CFR 102-36 at the Government's expense. You may elect to do nothing in response to this notice. If you elect to do nothing, the controlled substances will be considered abandoned after 30 days and destroyed. Finally, you may elect to request that CBP commence seizure and forfeiture proceedings to allow you the opportunity to engage in a formal legal process to petition for the return of the property. Please be advised that no relief from seizure is available unless you are registered with the DEA and have the express written authorization of the DEA to import the controlled substances.

Enclosed is an election of proceedings document. Please indicate your election, sign, date, and return the document to the address indicated on the document. For future reference, enclosed is a public service announcement that warns the general public of the dangers associated with importations of pharmaceuticals. Please note that future attempts to import controlled substances may result in personal penalties or criminal prosecution.

Chief Officer - Mail Branch  
U. S. Customs and Border Protection



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**Election of Proceedings for Imports of Controlled Substances**

To U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP):

I understand that property in which I have an interest has been interdicted by CBP under reference number [REDACTED]

Check ONLY ONE (1) of the following elections:

**1.  I agree to voluntarily abandon the imported controlled substances.**

I understand that by voluntarily abandoning the controlled substances I am waiving any rights and interests relative to the property, including the right to contest the actions taken by CBP or file any claims for the return of the property.

**2.  I request that CBP commence seizure proceedings.**

I understand that by requesting seizure I am asking CBP to institute a formal legal process to allow me to contest the non-release of controlled substances in which I have an interest. In making this election, I understand that I must provide evidence of a written authorization from the Drug Enforcement Administration to import the controlled substances to obtain relief from seizure.

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Signature

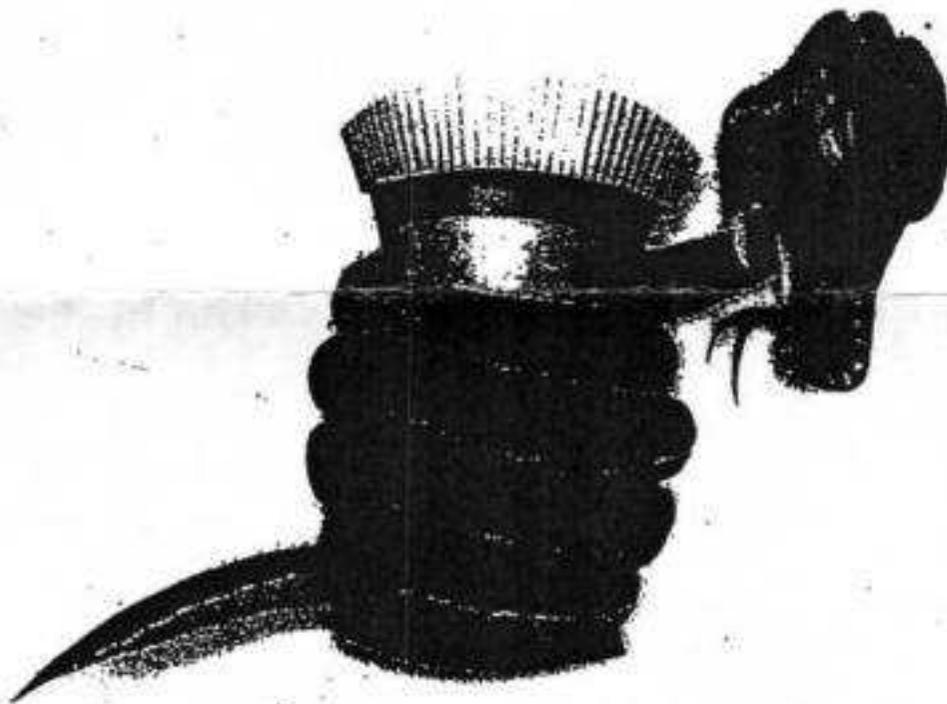
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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Return completed Election of Proceedings document to:

Chief Officer - Mail Branch  
U. S. Customs and Border Protection  
Bldg #250  
Jamaica NY 11430

# BUYING MEDICINE FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S. IS RISKY BUSINESS



Think it's safe buying  
medicine from outside  
the United States?  
Think again.

If you buy foreign medicine from an Internet site, from a storefront business that offers to order medicine for you, or during visits outside of the United States, you are taking a risk. This medicine may be fake, have the wrong ingredient, or have no medicine at all – and could be dangerous to your health.

## Don't Risk Your Health



**FDA**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
[www.fda.gov/importeddrugs](http://www.fda.gov/importeddrugs)  
1-888-INFO-FDA



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