



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2024-N-3779]

#### Jonathan Corbett Cosie: Final Debarment Order

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is issuing an order under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) debarring Jonathan Corbett Cosie for a period of 10 years from importing or offering for import any drug into the United States. FDA bases this order on a finding that Mr. Cosie was convicted of two felony counts under Federal law for introducing misbranded drugs into interstate commerce with the intent to defraud and mislead. The factual basis supporting Mr. Cosie's conviction, as described below, is conduct relating to the importation into the United States of a drug or controlled substance. Mr. Cosie was given notice of the proposed debarment and was given an opportunity to request a hearing to show why he should not be debarred. As of January 6, 2025 (30 days after receipt of the notice), Mr. Cosie had not responded. Mr. Cosie's failure to respond and request a hearing constitutes a waiver of his right to a hearing concerning this matter.

**DATES:** This order is applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** Any application by Mr. Cosie for termination of debarment under section 306(d)(1) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 335a(d)(1)) may be submitted at any time as follows:

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jaime Espinosa, Division of Field Enforcement, Office of Field Regulatory Operations, Office of Inspections and Investigations, Food and Drug Administration, 240-402-8743, or [debarments@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:debarments@fda.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

I. Background

Section 306(b)(1)(D) of the FD&C Act permits debarment of an individual from importing or offering for import any drug into the United States if FDA finds, as required by section 306(b)(3)(C) of the FD&C Act, that the individual has been convicted of a felony for conduct relating to the importation into the United States of any drug or controlled substance.

On July 30, 2024, Mr. Cosie was convicted as defined in section 306(l)(1) of the FD&C Act in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida-Jacksonville Division when the court accepted his plea of guilty and entered judgment against him for two counts of introducing

misbranded drugs into interstate commerce with the intent to defraud and mislead in violation of sections 301(a) and 303(a)(2) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 331(a) and 21 U.S.C. 333(a)(2)). The underlying facts supporting the conviction are as follows: As contained in the Information and Plea Agreement from Mr. Cosie's case, from approximately 2016 through 2020, he owned and operated several businesses including HCGRK LLC a/k/a Health Conscious Group Rx LLC (HCGRX). According to its website, HCGRX advertised itself as a national distributor of competition quality weight loss, body building and sports supplements. The website also advertised products for the treatment of erectile dysfunction, which were described as generic versions of the prescription drugs VIAGRA (sildenafil) and CIALIS (tadalafil). Among other supplements, Mr. Cosie sold a number of products containing Human Chorionic Gonadotropin ("HCG"). HCG is a hormone produced by the placenta during pregnancy. FDA has approved several prescription drugs containing HCG for the treatment of female infertility and for other medical conditions. FDA has not approved any HCG-containing products for weight loss, nor for any purpose without a prescription. Mr. Cosie falsely claimed on his website that his company was cooperating with international pharmacies to ship orders out. In fact, Mr. Cosie obtained unapproved prescription drugs containing HCG from foreign manufacturers and other sources. Then, after importing those drugs, Mr. Cosie would apply to the vials his own counterfeit labels which he created and printed and which contained false and misleading information. Mr. Cosie then knowingly and intentionally sold the drugs to consumers without a prescription or the supervision of a licensed medical practitioner. From October 28, 2017, through December 24, 2020, Mr. Cosie received approximately \$626,202.77 in proceeds from distribution of misbranded prescription drugs, and \$20,000 for the sale of HCGRX.

FDA sent Mr. Cosie, by certified mail, on December 3, 2024, a notice proposing to debar him for a 10-year period from importing or offering for import any drug into the United States. The proposal was based on a finding under section 306(b)(3)(C) of the FD&C Act that Mr. Cosie's felony convictions under Federal law for introducing misbranded drugs into interstate

commerce with the intent to defraud and mislead in violation of sections 301(a) and 303(a)(2) of the FD&C Act, was for conduct relating to the importation of any drug or controlled substance into the United States because Mr. Cosie illegally imported and introduced misbranded prescription drug products into interstate commerce. In proposing a debarment period, FDA weighed the considerations set forth in section 306(c)(3) of the FD&C Act that it considered applicable to Mr. Cosie's offense and concluded that the offense warranted the imposition of a 10-year period of debarment.

The proposal informed Mr. Cosie of the proposed debarment and offered him an opportunity to request a hearing, providing him 30 days from the date of receipt of the letter in which to file the request, and advised him that failure to request a hearing constituted a waiver of the opportunity for a hearing and of any contentions concerning this action. Mr. Cosie received the proposal and notice of opportunity for a hearing on December 7, 2024. Mr. Cosie failed to request a hearing within the timeframe prescribed by regulation and has, therefore, waived his opportunity for a hearing and waived any contentions concerning his debarment (21 CFR part 12).

## II. Findings and Order

Therefore, the Division of Field Enforcement Director, Office of Inspections and Investigations, under section 306(b)(3)(C) of the FD&C Act, under authority delegated to the Director, Division of Enforcement, finds that Mr. Jonathan Corbett Cosie has been convicted of felonies under Federal law for conduct relating to the importation into the United States of any drug or controlled substance. FDA finds that the offenses should be accorded a debarment period of 10 years as provided by section 306(c)(2)(A)(iii) of the FD&C Act.

As a result of the foregoing finding, Mr. Cosie is debarred for a period of 10 years from importing or offering for import any drug into the United States, effective (see DATES). Pursuant to section 301(cc) of the FD&C Act, the importing or offering for import into the United States of any drug by, with the assistance of, or at the direction of Mr. Cosie is a prohibited act.

Dated: March 7, 2025.

**P. Ritu Nalubola,**

*Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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