



## **CAUTION URGED CONCERNING THE REIMPORTATION OF INJECTIBLES**

It has come to the attention of the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society that there has been a significant increase in the volume of injectibles being re-imported into the US from foreign geographies. We have become aware of several instances where products have been tampered with and repackaged with photocopied US product information. Injectibles being sourced for this purpose are coming from the Middle East and Europe. The POS Executive Committee is concerned about these products and the potential liability physicians may incur if products are not purchased through established distribution channels. While POS does not have a position on the broad spectrum of issues involved in the re-importation debate, we are concerned that products not purchased through established distribution channels may inadvertently result in serious liability. Until the federal government can address this issue again, the Food and Drug Administration has clearly stated that re-imported drugs do not go through the same oversight and packaging requirements as drugs produced for US consumption. Given the apparent volume of such occurrences, the POS Executive Committee is compelled to bring this matter to your attention.