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For immediate attention:

- Emergency amendment to §§2D1.1, 2D1.10 effective December 16, 2000
- Correction of typographical error in the Drug Quantity Table in §2D1.1

To recipients of the Guidelines Manual:

In response to legislation enacted by Congress, the Sentencing Commission has made significant changes to the guidelines covering unlawful manufacturing, importing, exporting, or trafficking of controlled substances (§2D1.1) and endangering human life while illegally manufacturing a controlled substance (§2D1.10). These changes will take effect on December 16, 2000, under “emergency amendment authority” without the congressional review procedures normally required for promulgation of guideline amendments.

This document contains the emergency amendment to §§2D1.1 and 2D1.10, as well as a statement of the reason for the amendment. Additionally, this document corrects a typographical error in one of the quantity references for Methamphetamine (actual) in the Drug Quantity Table in §2D1.1. Specifically, at base offense level 36, the Commission inadvertently listed the quantity level for Methamphetamine (actual) in kilograms (indicated by the symbol “KG”) rather than in grams (which would have been indicated by the symbol “G”). Although this error appears in the Drug Quantity Table, the error was not made in the amendment that increased the penalties for Methamphetamine (actual), which was submitted to Congress on May 1, 2000. See USSC App. C (amend. 594). Thus, the Commission is not required to promulgate an amendment to correct the typographical error.

This document, together with the 2000 Guidelines Manual (dark blue color), will constitute the operative Guidelines Manual effective December 16, 2000.

Publication of this document is the most cost effective and practical way to make the amendments available to you. Please contact the Commission if we can provide further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Chair