

One of the bullet points you ask us to include was explanation as to why this extension "is in the national security interest of the United States".

I believe the best we can say is simply that we manufacture and sell at an average over 18 million sterile medical devices annually. 98% are sold to be used in the United States.

Lastly, many of our products are used during lifesaving surgeries as well as being used in the normal Emergency Room's and physician's offices throughout the United States.

I hope that we have answered your questions to your satisfaction and hope you can help us by including us in this program.

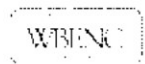
If you need any additional information or would like to visit our two facilities just let me know.

Sincerely,



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