

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 12B-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

Commission File Number: 0-13976

(Check One):

Form 10-K Form 20-F Form 11-K Form 10-Q
 Form N-SAR Form N-CSR

For period ended: December 31, 2002

Transition Report on Form 10-K and Form 10-KSB

Transition Report on Form 20-F

Transition Report on Form 11-K

Transition Report on Form 10-Q and Form 10-QSB

Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the transition period ended

Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the item(s) to which the notification relates:

PART I
REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Full name of registrant: Akorn, Inc.
Former name if applicable
Address of principal executive office
(Street and number): 2500 Millbrook Drive
City, state and zip code: Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089

PART II
RULE 12B-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate.)

- (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III
NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed

within the prescribed time period.

See Attached Sheet.

PART IV
OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification.

Mr. Ben J. Pothast (847) 279-6151

(Name) (Area Code) (Telephone Number)

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If the answer is no, identify report(s).

[] Yes [X] No

The registrant has not filed its report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2002

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

[X] Yes [] No

If so: attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

Akorn, Inc.
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 1, 2003 By: /s/ BEN J. POTHAST

Ben J. Pothast, Chief Financial Officer

Instruction. The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations. (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form is required by Rule 12b-25 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
2. One signed original and four conformed copies of this form and amendments thereto must be completed and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549, in accordance with Rule 0-3 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Act. The information contained in or filed with the form will be made a matter of the public record in the Commission files.
3. A manually signed copy of the form and amendments thereto shall be filed with each national securities exchange on which any class of securities of the registrant is registered.

4. Amendments to the notifications must also be filed on Form 12b-25 but need not restate information that has been correctly furnished. The form shall be clearly identified as an amended notification.

5. Electronic Filers. This form shall not be used by electronic filers unable to timely file a report solely due to electronic difficulties. Filers unable to submit a report within the time period prescribed due to difficulties in electronic filing should comply with either Rule 201 or Rule 202 of Regulation S-T or apply for an adjustment in filing date pursuant to Rule 13(b) of Regulation S-T.

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PART III
NARRATIVE

The Registrant has been unable to complete the Financial Statements or the Management's Discussion and Analysis Sections of the Form 10-K for the year ending December 31, 2002 due to the fact that not all parties with responsibility for the financial portion of the filing have completed their review. In addition, the Registrant is requesting additional time to complete certain negotiations with its primary bank, The Northern Trust Company, on an extension of its credit facility, which it expects to occur prior to April 16, 2003.

The Company anticipates reporting significant changes in results from the prior year, with net sales of approximately \$52.3 million and a net loss of approximately \$3.7 million, or (\$0.19) per basic share for the year ended December 31, 2002.