

10-Q, 10-QSB, 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 the reasons why Form 10-K, 10-KSB, 11-K, 20-F, 10-Q, 10-QSB, N-SAR or the transition report portion thereof could not be filed within the prescribed time period. (Attach extra sheets if needed.)

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
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(Name)	(Area Code)	(Telephone Number)

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during 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).

/X/ Yes / / No

(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 November 15, 2002 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 (17 CFR 240.12b-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 (Section 232.201 or Section 232.02 of this Chapter) or apply for an adjustment in filing date pursuant to Rule 13(b) of Regulation S-T (Section 232.13(b) of this Chapter).

AKORN, INC.

FORM 12b-25 WITH RESPECT TO QUARTERLY REPORT
ON FORM 10-Q FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

PART III NARRATIVE

As a result of the Company's decision in August 2002 to restate its financial statements for the calendar years ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 2001, it was also necessary to restate first and second quarter 2002 Form 10-Q's. The restatement of the first and second quarter 2002 Form 10-Q's has delayed the preparation of the third quarter 2002 Form 10-Q. The Company anticipates reporting significant changes in results from the prior period, with net sales of approximately \$13,221,000 and a net loss of \$521,000, or (\$.03) per basic share for the quarter ended September 30, 2002. For the nine months ended September 30, 2002, net sales were approximately \$41,259,000 with a net loss of \$1,153,000 or (\$.06) per basic share.