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If a product requires a prescription to be sold by FDA laws, then the FDA is saying that there is a danger to the consumer if the product is acquired without a prescription. So if there is a potential danger to the consumer, how can companies be allowed to sell them by making an insidious, feeble attempt at ascertaining a prescription. How can NO verification of a prescription be considered a positive verification of the prescription??!!

As a practicing optometrist in the state of NJ, I can tell you that lots of my patients are getting their lenses from online retailers who have told them that they have confirmed the prescription with my office(which is a lie). I can also tell you that when 1-800-CONTACTS calls my office with a recording to confirm a prescription, it will take me almost 45 minutes to confirm or deny the prescription and my staff does not have that kind of free time! Again, these patients are getting contact lenses without a prescription....a dangerous situation according to the definition of a "prescription drug".

So, if a contact lens is a prescription drug then a positive verification of the prescription must be required!. If the law doesn't require a positive verification of the prescription, then declassify it!

Thank you and do what is right and safe to the consumers!

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