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Government of India
Directorate General of Health Services
Central Drugs Standard Control Organization

FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road
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Date:

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To,
The Additional Director,
O/o Additional Director General,
National Customs Targeting Centre (Cargo),
13, Sir Vithaldas Thackersey Marg, Opp Patkar Hall,
New Marine Lines, Mumbai- 400020.

Subject: Mapping of ICEGATE with CDSCO-Notified Ports - Reg.

Sir,

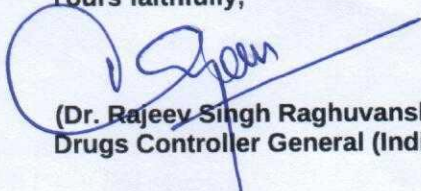
This is to inform you that, Rule 43-A of the Drugs Rules, 1945 is a regulatory provision that specifies the entry points (notified ports) through which drugs can be legally imported into India. In accordance with this Rule, no drug shall be imported into the country except through the designated ports. A copy of Rule 43-A is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-A** for ready reference.

Further, the said notified ports of entry have been mapped with CDSCO Port Offices on ICEGATE of customs. Hence, it is requested to refer the Bills of Entry (BOE) on ICEGATE to the concerned port offices of CDSCO.

Please find annexed the list of CDSCO port offices and ports of entry(**Annexure-B**).

In view of the above it is requested to permit the entry of consignments of Drugs, Medical Devices and Cosmetics only through the notified ports of entry cited above.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi)
Drugs Controller General (India)

Enclosures: As stated above

Copy to:

1. Joint Secretary(Customs), CBIC, Room No. 156-B, North Block, New Delhi
2. The Director General DGARM, 10th Floor, Tower-2, Jeevan Bharti Building, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001
3. All CDSCO Zonal Offices and Port offices
4. All stakeholders through website.

¹[Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, Cochin, Nhava Sheva, Kandla, Inland Container Depots at Tuglakabad and Patparganj in Delhi, ³Tuticorin and Kamraj Port] in Tamil Nadu, Marmugao port in Goa, Visakhapatnam ⁴[Krishnapatnam and Gangavaram ports] port in Andhra Pradesh and Hazira port and Inland Container Depot Khohdiyar, ⁵[Gandhinagar and Mundra Port] in Gujarat ⁶[and ⁷Inland Container Depot at Dhannad and Tihi], Indore in Madhya Pradesh]:

in respect of drugs imported by sea into India;
Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Goa, ⁸[Bengaluru, Visakhapatnam, Cochin and Thiruvananthapuram]:

in respect of drugs imported by air into India.]

⁹[43B. Drugs, consignments of which are in transit through India to foreign countries and which shall not be sold or distributed in India shall be exempted from the requirements of Chapter III of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 (23 of 1940) and rules made thereunder:

Provided that if the Government of the countries to which the drugs are consigned regulate their import by the grant of import licences, the importer shall at the time of import into India, produce such import licences.]

PART V

¹⁰[GOVERNMENT ANALYSTS, INSPECTORS, LICENSING AUTHORITIES AND CONTROLLING AUTHORITIES]

¹¹[44. Qualifications of Government Analyst.—A person appointed as a Government Analyst under the Act shall be a person who—

- (a) is a graduate in Medicine or Science or Pharmacy or Pharmaceutical Chemistry of a ¹²[University established in India by the law or has an equivalent qualification recognised and notified by the Central Government for such purpose] and has had not less than five years' post-graduate experience in the testing of drugs in a laboratory under the control of (i) a Government Analyst appointed under the Act, or (ii) the head of an Institution or testing laboratory approved for the purpose by the appointing authority ¹³[or has completed two years' training on testing of drugs, including items stated in Schedule C, in Central Drugs Laboratory], or
- (b) possesses a post-graduate degree in Medicine or Science or Pharmacy or Pharmaceutical Chemistry of a ¹⁰[University established in India by the law or has an equivalent qualification recognised and notified by the Central Government for such purpose] or possesses the

1. Subs. by G.S.R. 532(E), dated 18th May, 2016, for "Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, Cochin, Nhava Sheva, Kandla, Inland Container Depots at Tuglakabad and Patparganj in Delhi, Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu and Marmugao Hyderabad, Goa and Bengaluru: in respect of drugs imported by sea into India. Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmedabad, these words were substituted by by G.S.R. 575(E), dated 17th July, 2012 (w.e.f. 18-5-2016). Earlier dated 18th February 2011 (w.e.f. 18-2-2011), G.S.R. 45(E), dated 21st January, 2010 (w.e.f. 21-1-2010), G.S.R. 504(E), dated 18th July, 2002 (w.e.f. 18-2-2002) and G.S.R. 647(E), dated 28th October, 1998 (w.e.f. 28-10-1998).
2. Subs. by G.S.R. 41(E), dated 17th January, 2017, for "Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, Cochin, Nhava Sheva, Marmugao port in Goa and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh: in respect of drugs imported by sea into India," (w.e.f. 17-1-2017).
3. Subs. by G.S.R. 20(E), dated 10th January, 2019, for "Tuticorin" (w.e.f. 10-1-2019).
4. Subs. by G.S.R. 410(E), dated 2nd June, 2023, for "and Krishnapatnam port" (w.e.f. 2-6-2023).
5. Subs. by G.S.R. 20(E), dated 10th January, 2019, for "Gandhinagar" (w.e.f. 10-1-2019).
6. Ins. by G.S.R. 653(E), dated 13th September, 2019 (w.e.f. 13-9-2019).
7. Subs. by G.S.R. 848(E), dated 9th December, 2021, for "Inland Container Depot Dhannad" (w.e.f. 9-12-2021).
8. Subs. by G.S.R. 293(E), dated 28th May, 2024, for "Bengaluru and Visakhapatnam" (w.e.f. 28-5-2024).
9. Added by S.O. 1056(E), dated 19th March, 1964 (w.e.f. 28-3-1964).
10. Subs. by G.S.R. 443(E), dated 12th April, 1989 (w.e.f. 12-4-1989).
11. Subs. by G.S.R. 1427, dated 10th October, 1977 (w.e.f. 22-10-1977).
12. Subs. by G.S.R. 71(E), dated 30th January, 1987 (w.e.f. 30-1-1987).
13. Ins. by G.S.R. 697(E), dated 26th October, 1995 (w.e.f. 26-10-1995).

subject to the approval of the Central Government reports to the Customs Collector that the samples of any drug in a consignment are not of standard quality, or that the drug contravenes in any other respect the provisions of Chapter III of the Act or the rules thereunder and that the contravention is such that it cannot be remedied by the importer, the Customs Collector shall communicate the report forthwith to the importer who shall, within two months of his receiving the communication either export all the drugs of that description in the consignment, to the country in which they were manufactured or forfeit them to the Central Government which shall cause them to be destroyed:]

Provided that the importer may within fifteen days of receipt of the report make a representation against the report to the Customs Collector, and the Customs Collector shall forward the representation with a further sample to the licensing authority, who after obtaining, if necessary, the report of the Director of the Central Drugs Laboratory, shall pass orders thereon which shall be final.

¹[(2) If the Director of the laboratory appointed for the purpose by the Central Government or any other officer empowered by him on this behalf, subject to the approval of the Central Government reports to the Customs Collector that the samples of any drug contravene in any respect the provisions of Chapter III of the Act or the rules thereunder and that the contravention is such that it can be remedied by the importer, the Customs Collector shall communicate the report forthwith to the importer and permit him to import the drug on his giving an undertaking in writing not to dispose of the drug without the permission of the office authorised in this behalf by the Central Government.]

²[***]

43. The drugs specified in Schedule D shall be exempt from the provisions of Chapter III of the Act and of the Rules made thereunder to the extent, and subject to the conditions specified in that Schedule.

³[43A. No drug shall be imported into India except through one of the following places, namely:—

Firozpur Cantonment and Amritsar Railway Stations:

In respect of drugs imported by rail across the frontier with Pakistan;
Ranaghat, Bongaon and Mohiassan Railway Stations:

In respect of drugs imported by rail across the frontier with Bangladesh;

⁴[Petrapole Road in West Bengal, Sutarkandi in Assam, old Raghna Bazar and Agartala in Tripura:

In respect of drugs imported by road from Bangladesh;]

⁵[Raxaul:

In respect of drugs imported by road and railway lines connecting Raxaul in India and Birganj in Nepal;]

1. Added by Notification No. 7-11-47/D, dated 15th October, 1951.

2. Rule 42 omitted by Notification No. F. 1-9/52-D.S., dated 3rd November, 1953.

3. Subs. by G.S.R. 478(E), dated 6th August, 1981, for rule 43A (w.e.f. 6-8-1981). Earlier rule 43A was inserted by Notification No. F.7-7/47-D, dated 5th January, 1954.

4. Ins. by G.S.R. 116(E), dated 24th February, 2009 (w.e.f. 24-2-2009).

5. Ins. by G.S.R. 120(E), dated 5th March, 1998 (w.e.f. 5-3-1998).

Annexure-B

9	CDSCO Seaport, Kolkata Central Drugs Standard Control Organization, Asst. Drugs Controller (I), Customs House, 15/1, Strand Road, Kolkata-700 001.	Kolkata Air Port (West Bengal), Kolkata Sea Port (West Bengal), Ranaghat (West Bengal), Bongaon (West Bengal), Mohiassan Railway Station (Assam), Petrapole Road (West Bengal), Sutarkandi (Assam), Old Raghna Bazar (Tripura), Agartala (Tripura) Raxaul(Bihar)
10	CDSCO Airport, Kolkata, Central Drugs Standard Control Organization, Asst. Drugs Controller (I), Air Cargo Complex, N.S.C. Bose International Airport, Kolkata-700 052	
11	CDSCO, Port Office, Hyderabad Office of the ADC (I), CDSCO, Unit No. 16,17& 18 Second Floor, Cargo Satellite Building, RGI Air Port, SHAMSHABAD, RR Dist., Hyderabad – 500409.	Hyderabad Air Port (Telangana)
12	Bangalore Airport Office of the ADC (I), CDSCO, Air India SATS Airfreight Terminal Plot No. C-05 1st Floor Bengaluru International Airport Devanahalli Bangalore-560300	Bangalore Airport (Karnataka)
13	CDSCO Sea Port, Mumbai Office of the ADC (I), CDSCO, Central Drugs Standard Control Organization, M/s JWR Logistic Pvt Ltd 15-45, National Highway 4B, Panvel-JNPT Highway, Village Padeghar, post-Vahal, Panvel-410206	Mumbai Sea Port, Nhava Sheva Port (Maharashtra)
14	CDSCO Airport, Mumbai Office of Asst. Drugs Controller (I), Central Drug Standard Control Organization, airport, Room No. 10, 1st Floor, International Air Cargo Complex, Sahar Village, Andheri East, Mumbai-400099.	Mumbai Air Port (Maharashtra)
15	CDSCO, Sea Port, Kochi Office of the ADC (I), CDSCO, Office of the Technical Officer& Room no.15, Custom House, Willingdon Island,Kochi – 682009.	Cochin Air Port (Kerala) Thiruvananthapuram Air Port (Kerala)
16	Port Office (Indore) Office of the ADC (I), C/o. Container Corporation of India Ltd., Inland Container Depot, 113, Concor Complex,Sector-3, Pithampur Industrial Area, Pithampur, Dist. Dhar, Madhya Pradesh	Indore (Madhya Pradesh) ICD at Dhannad and Tihi (Madhya Pradesh)

Annexure-B

Sr. No.	List of CDSCO Port Offices and addresses	Notified Ports as per Rule 43-A (copy annexed) nearest to the CDSCO Port Offices Mapped with ICGATE for import of Drugs, Medical Devices and Cosmetics.
1	CDSCO Seaport, Chennai Office of the ADC(I), CDSCO, Seaport, Room No. 12, 13, 22 & 23, IV Floor, Annex Building, Rajaji Salai, Custom House, Chennai – 600 00	Chennai Sea Port, Chennai Air Port (Tamil Nadu) Tuticorin and Kamrajar Port (Tamil Nadu) Krishnapatnam Port (Andhra Pradesh)
2	CDSCO Airport, Chennai Office of the ADC (I), CDSCO, Air Port Office, Air Cargo Complex, Meenambakkam, Chennai-600027	
3	GOA Port Office of the ADC (I), CDSCO, Room No 07 & 08 First Floor, Air Cargo Terminal Building Manohar International Airport, Dadachiwadi Road Nagzar Taluka Pernem, Mopa, North Goa, Goa-403512	Goa Airport Marmugao Port (Goa)
4	CDSCO Port Office, Visakhapatnam CDSCO Port Office (Air & Sea), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Directorate General of Health Services, 5th Floor, Karmika Jyothi Building, Visakhapatnam Port Authority, Visakhapatnam-530001, A.P.	Visakhapatnam Sea Port (Andhra Pradesh) Visakhapatnam Airport (Andhra Pradesh) Gangavaram Port (Andhra Pradesh)
5	Port Office, Delhi Office of ADC(I) CDSCO Room No. 4 A, Import Building III, Cargo Terminal, IGI Airport New Delhi	Air Port, Delhi Firozepur Cantonment and Amritsar Railway stations (Punjab)
6	ICD Tughlakabad & Patparganj Office of ADC(I), Room No. 230/2, CONCOR Administrative Building, ICD Tughlakabad, New Delhi-110020	ICD Tughlakabad & Patparganj, New Delhi
7	Ahmedabad Airport Office of the ADC (I), CDSCO, Old Terminal Building, Air Cargo Complex, Airport, Ahmedabad-380 003 Gujarat	Ahmedabad Airport (Gujarat) Kandla (Gujarat) ICD Khohdiyar (Gandhinagar and Mundra Port)-Gujarat
8	Hazira Seaport Office of the Technical Officer, Port Office, M/s Adani Hazira Port Pvt. Ltd at PO Hazira, Surat-394270	Hazira Port (Gujarat)