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Government of Pakistan  
Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan  
Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination



Islamabad, the 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

1. Chairman,  
Pakistan Pharmaceutical  
Manufacturer Association (PPMA),  
Islamabad.
2. Chairman,  
Pakistan Chemist and Druggists Association,  
Karachi.
3. Executive Director,  
Pharma Bureau,  
Karachi.

Subject: **PRINTING OF 2D BARCODE ON PACKAGING OF REGISTERED DRUGS – ORDERS OF HONOURABLE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN THEREOF.**

Dear Sir / Madam,

Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) is endeavouring to ensure the availability of safe, efficacious and quality therapeutic goods in the country and has accordingly boosted up its efforts with Provincial Health Departments to curtail the menace of spurious, falsified and counterfeit drug products. With approval of the Federal Government, DRAP has made amendments in the Drugs (Labelling & Packing) Rules, 1986 notified vide S.R.O.No.470 (I) /2017 dated 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 to incorporate provision of 2D Barcoding on the packaging of registered pharmaceutical drugs and biologicals for human and veterinary use.

2. The matter was taken up by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan in HRC No.2858 of 2006 and passed the following order on 28.02.2018:-

*"[...] We also direct that all the pharmaceutical companies, within a period of three months, shall implement and enforce a bar code not only on the box but also on the wrappers affixed upon the containers/bottles of the pharmaceutical products [...]"*

3. In pursuance of the aforesaid order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan, various suits filed by the Pakistan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (PPMA), Pharma Bureau, Pakistan Chemists & Druggists Association (PCDA) and other pharmaceutical manufacturers / importers against implementation of S.R.O. No. 470 (I)/2017 have also been disposed of by Hon'ble High Court of Sindh vide order dated 15.03.2018.

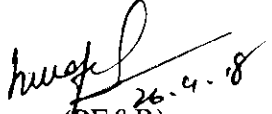
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4. Foregoing in view, all pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers having valid registration of pharmaceutical drugs and biologicals for human and veterinary use are, hereby, advised to make necessary arrangements for compliance of abovementioned orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan in stipulated period of time.

(Dr. Obaidullah)  
Director (PE&R)

**Copy for information to: -**

1. Sr. Court Associate (Human Rights Cell), Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad with reference to their HRC No.2858-/2006 etc dated 05<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 regarding subject matter.
2. Registrar, Sindh High Court, Karachi with reference to their Suit Nos. 2565,2566, 2567, 2568, 2601, 2602, 2607, 2608, 2609 of 2017 and (Supplementary List) 114, 143, 199, 222 and 225 of 2018 regarding the subject matter.
3. PS to Chief Executive Officer, DRAP.
- ✓4. Additional Director, MIS for uploading on DRAP's website.

  
26.4.18  
Director (PE&R)