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Government of India
Directorate General of Health Services
Central Drugs Standard Control Organization
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Renaming of Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) – regarding.

Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) is the national drug regulatory agency under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. It has been given the present name keeping its role in view when it was created. The present nomenclature is not reflecting its role and responsibilities.

Over the years, the role of CDSCO has expanded to several areas some of which are given below:

- Regulation of new drugs including vaccines and clinical trials.
- All Imports pertaining to drugs, medical devices and cosmetics.
- Central Licensing Approval Authority for Blood Banks, vaccines, LVP's, Sera etc.
- Setting of standards under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.
- Coordinating the activities of the States and advising them on matters relating to uniform administration of the Act and Rules in the country.
- Laying down regulatory measures and proposing amendment of Acts and Rules;
- Emerging areas such as stem cells, e-pharmacy etc.

Dr. R.A. Mashelkar in his report recommended creation of National Drug Authority (NDA) or Central Drug Authority (CDA). The Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) in its 75th meeting held on 03.01.2017 under the Chairmanship of DGHS recommended renaming CDSCO as Indian Drugs Administration (IDA). Other suggestions on the name include Indian Medical Products Administration (IMPA).

In view of the above, it was decided to rename CDSCO and also have a new logo of its own. The new name should reflect the current role and encompass the areas administered by it. All the stakeholders are requested to send their suggestions/comments on the new name and the design of the new logo to dcic@nic.in. Your comments should reach within two weeks from the date of this notice.



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To
All the Stakeholders

Copy to:

1. All State/UT Drugs Controllers
2. Pharma Associations – FICCI/IDMA/IPA/OPPI/FOPE/CIPI/All India Chemists & Druggists Association.
3. PS to JS (R), MOHFW
4. Website of CDSCO