

Guidance for import of vaccine by private sector or any person

As per the guidelines on Liberalized Pricing and Accelerated National COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy published by MoHFW w.e.f. from 1st May, the ready to use imported COVID vaccine would be allowed to be utilized entirely in the other than Govt. of India channel.

In view of above, any private entity or Government sector entity, who wants to import COVID vaccine for vaccination as per the above mentioned guidelines is required to follow the following procedures: -

1. If the vaccine is not yet approved/ licensed in India, the importer / authorized agent of the manufacturer of the vaccine shall obtain the following permission / license from CDSCO.
 - a. New Drug Permission under the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019
 - b. Import registration under the Drugs Rules, 1945
 - c. Import licence under the Drugs Rules, 1945.
2. After obtaining the import licence, the importer/ authorized agent can import the vaccine and any including private sector entity can procure the vaccine from the them as per the National guidelines.
3. If the vaccine to be imported is already approved and import licence has been obtained from CDSCO, then any entity including private sector entity can procure the vaccine from the importer / licensee for its use as per the National Guidelines.