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Government of India
Directorate General of Health Services
Central Drugs Standard Control Organization
(DCGI Secretariat)

FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road
New Delhi-110002
Dated: 17.03.2020

To,
All State/UT Drugs Controllers

Subject: Monitoring of the quality standards of hand sanitizers as per Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules made thereunder and expediting the licensing of manufacturers of such products -reg

Sir/ Madam,

As you are aware that hand sanitizers are licensed under Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945. The standards of such products shall be as prescribed in the Second Schedule of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules made thereunder.

Further, on 13.03.2020, the Central Government has notified masks (2ply & 3ply surgical masks, N95 masks) & hand sanitizers under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 to regulate their production, quality, distribution and logistics.

In light of existing circumstances arising out of Covid-19 outbreak and various media reports, it is required that the regulatory activities should be intensified to keep strict vigil in the matter so that the people can be protected from malpractices.

Accordingly, it is requested to submit the list of manufacturers who are manufacturing hand sanitizer under your jurisdiction along with product details and further exercise strict vigil and regulatory oversight on manufacturing and distribution of such products.

Similarly, it is also requested to expedite the licensing process for manufacturers of hand sanitizers by taking proactive measures to meet the present challenges of increased demand of such product in the country.

Matter shall be treated as high priority in public interest.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr.V.G.Somani)
Drugs Controller General (India)

Copy to :

1. All Zonal/Sub Zonal offices of CDSCO - to coordinate with State/UT Drugs Control authorities in the matter.

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1. PS to JS (R), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.
2. PPS to DGHS, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.