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DRUG ALERT

In order to regulate the import, manufacture, distribution and sale of drugs, medical devices and cosmetics in India, it has been decided that the CDSCO, is required to be informed about the quality defect in the medicinal products which require Recall or restriction on supply. Where a product is considered to be a risk to public health, the marketing authorization holder will withdraw the affected product from use and the CDSCO as well as concerned State Drug Regulatory authority are required to be informed about such products so that suitable 'DRUG ALERT' be issued for the information of the public.

Some of the States like Gujarat are already issuing alerts on drugs which are not of standard quality through SMS and other means in their States.

In order to ensure the safety of the patients from the drugs of doubtful quality, it is imperative that the drugs which are not of standard quality/spurious/adulterated/misbranded, as declared by the Drug Testing Laboratories of CDSCO, be put on website for immediate stoppage of such medicines from reaching to the patients.

The Drug Testing Laboratories under CDSCO are hereby directed to send the details of the drugs which have been found to be not of standard quality/spurious/adulterated/misbranded to the CDSCO HQ for uploading the information on the website of the CDSCO under column 'DRUG ALERT' on regular basis.

  
Drugs Controller General (India)

To

Dr. K. Bangarurajan, Dy. Drugs Controller to make a point that every first week of month, medicines which are found to be not of standard quality/spurious/adulterated/misbranded by the CDSCO Drug Testing Laboratories be put on the website under the column "DRUG ALERT"

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