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PUBLIC NOTICE

FACILITATING EXPORT OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

Preamble:

The Trade Policy 2005-06 envisages that a 50% subsidy allowed to pharmaceutical companies for registration on their products in foreign countries, during the period 2004-05 will continue to be available to the eligible companies during the current fiscal year for the national pharmaceutical companies. This scheme would continue to cover registration/approval with FDA (Federal Drug Administration) of USA, also.

Short Title and Commencement:

This scheme to be called "Facilitating Export of Pharmaceutical Products" 2005-06 will come into operation immediately. It would apply to registration of pharmaceutical products in foreign countries for the purpose of exports, from 1st July 2005 to 30th June 2006 and may be extended. The scheme provides for 50% subsidy to national pharmaceutical companies only in respect of fee paid by them to the concerned authorities in the foreign countries.

Eligibility Criteria

Following will be the eligibility criteria:

- i. Manufacturers/exporters
- ii. Commercial exporters, provided they are authorized by the original manufacturers, in writing to seek registration of the products.
- iii. The following types/categories of drugs, medicines, medicaments, pharmaceuticals and medical products will be eligible for the subsidy
 - a. Allopathic, medical and medicinal products (in all dosage/forms)
 - b. Homeopathic medicines, products
 - c. Herbal and traditional medicines, products
 - d. Other products means for healing and therapeutic purpose

- iv. The subsidy will cover only the initial registration fee and not subsequent fees for renewal if required.
- v. The subsidy would also be eligible for registration of pharmaceutical products with Federal Drug Administration (FDA) of USA.

Procedure:

The subsidy will be paid after the drug/medicine has actually been registered in the importing country and on submission of the following documents to TDAP.

- i. Registration certificate (original and photocopy) Original certificate will be returned after being seen and attested by an officer of TDAP at the level of Director or above.
- ii. Original and photocopy of receipt of the payment made in the importing country where product is registered. Original receipt will be returned after being seen and attested by an officer of TDAP at the level of Director or above.

If the Drug Registration Certificate and / or Payment Receipt are in a language other than English, the translation of Drug registration certificate/payment receipt in English duly attested by any one of the following will have to be submitted to TDFAP.

- i. Drug Registration Certificate/Payment Receipt issuing Authority in the concerned foreign country.
- ii. Chamber of Commerce in the concerned foreign country
- iii. Embassy of Pakistan in the concerned country

Secretary, TDAP shall be the competent authority for sanctioning the subsidy. The subsidy will be paid from EDF.

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