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Directorate General of Health Services
Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation
(Import & Registration Division)

FDA Bhavan, Kotla road,
New Delhi 110002
Dated: 22/02/19

To
All State/UT Drugs Controllers

Subject: Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS) and the like devices that enable nicotine delivery-reg.

Sir/Madam,

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has issued advisory notice on Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) including e-Cigarettes, Heat-Not Burn devices, Vape, e- Sheesha, e-Nicotine Flavoured Hookah, and the like products vide File No. P.16012/19/2017-TC dated 28/August/2018. (Copy of the advisory is enclosed)

Through this advisory, all States/Union Territories have been advised in larger public health interest and in order to prevent the initiation of ENDS by non-smokers and youth with special attention to vulnerable groups, to ensure that any Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) including e-Cigarettes, Heat-Not Burn devices, Vape, e- Sheesha, e-Nicotine Flavoured Hookah, and the like devices that enable nicotine delivery are not sold (including online sale), manufactured, distributed, traded, imported and advertised in their jurisdictions except for the purpose & in the manner and to the extent, as may be approved under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules made there under.

The Tobacco Control Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, has requested this office to issue suitable instructions to States/UTs in this regard.

Since no Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) including e-Cigarettes, Heat-Not Burn devices, Vape, e-Sheesha, e-Nicotine Flavoured Hookah, and the like products has yet been approved under Drugs & Cosmetics Act.1940 and Rules made there under, you are requested to ensure that any Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) including e-Cigarettes, Heat-Not Burn devices, Vape, e- Sheesha, e-Nicotine Flavoured Hookah, and the like devices that enable nicotine delivery, are not sold (including online sale), manufactured, distributed, traded, imported and advertised in your jurisdictions.

Yours Faithfully,



(Dr. S. Eswara Reddy)
Drugs Controller General (India)

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