

F. No. J-25/64/2022-CCPA
Central Consumer Protection Authority

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 14th July, 2022

Subject: Advisory in terms of Consumer Protection Act, 2019 concerning sale of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs containing ingredients listed in Schedule E (1) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 on e-commerce platforms.


This invites reference to public notice dated 01.02.2016 issued by the Ministry of AYUSH informing stakeholders that purchase of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs containing any of the ingredients of plant, animal or mineral origin as listed in Schedule E(1) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 are required to be taken under medical supervision and purchasing the same online should be avoided without medical consultation.

2. Now, it has come to the notice of the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) that the aforementioned category of drugs are being offered for sale on e-commerce platforms without any mechanism to verify if such drugs are being purchased by a user under medical supervision or not. As a result, the drugs consumed without medical supervision may lead to severe health complications.

3. It may be mentioned that as per Rule 161(2) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, the container of a medicine for internal use for the treatment of human ailments shall, if it is made up from a substance specified in Schedule E(1), be labelled conspicuously with the words "**Caution: To be taken under medical supervision**" both in English and Hindi language. The list of poisonous substances under the Ayurvedic (including Siddha) and Unani Systems of Medicine as mentioned in Schedule E(1) is annexed herewith.

4. In view of the above, all e-commerce platforms are hereby advised that selling or facilitating the sale of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs containing ingredients as listed in Schedule E (1) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 shall be done only after a valid prescription of registered medical practitioner is uploaded by the user or patient on the platform.

5. The Central Authority may initiate necessary action under the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 if, after investigation, it is found that the said drugs are offered for sale by any e-commerce platform in violation to the legal framework governing sale of such drugs to consumers.


14.7.2022
Nidhi Khare
Chief Commissioner

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1. Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH
2. Chief Secretaries of all States/U.Ts
3. All District Collectors
4. Major e-commerce entities
5. Industry Associations
6. Consumer Organizations
7. Law Chairs
8. E-Pharmacy platforms

SCHEDULE E(1)

List of poisonous substances under the Ayurvedic (including Siddha) and Unani Systems of Medicine

A. AYURVEDIC SYSTEM

I Drugs of vegetable origin

1. Ahipena (Except seeds)	Papaver somniferum Linn.
2. Arka	Calotropis procera (Ait.) R.Br. ex.
3. Bhallataka	Semecarpus anacardium Linn. F.
4. Bhangra (Except seeds)	Cannabis sativa Linn. (Except seeds)
5. Danti	Baliospermum montanum Mull. Arg.
6. Dhatura	Datura metal Linn.
7. Gunja (seed)	Abrus precatorium Linn. (seed)
8. Jaipala (seed)	Croton tiglium Linn.
9. Karaveera	Rerium indicum Mill.
10. Langali	Gloriosa superba Linn.
11. Parasika Yavani	Hyoscyamus niger Linn.
12. Vatsanabha	Acontium chasmanthum Stapf ex Holm
Vishamushti	<i>Strychnox nuxvomica</i> Linn.
13. Shringivisha	<i>Acontium chasmanthum</i> Stapf ex Holm.

II Drugs of Animal Origin.

14. Sarpa Visha	Snake poison.
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III Drugs of Mineral Origin

15. Gauripashana	Arsenic.
16. Hartala	Arseno sulphide.
17. Manahashila	Arseno sulphide.

18. Parada	Mercury.
19. Rasa Karpura	Hydrargyri subchloridum.
20. Tuttha	Copper sulphate.
21. Hingula	Cinnabar.

B. SIDDHA SYSTEM

1. Abini	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> Linn.
2. Alari	<i>Nerium indicum</i> Mill.
3. Attru thummatti	<i>Citrullus colocynthis</i> (L.) Schrad
4. Umathai	<i>Datura stramonium</i> Linn.
5. Etti	<i>Stychnos nux vomica</i> Linn.
6. Ganja (except seed)	<i>Cannabis sativa</i> Linn.
7. Kalappaki Kizahangu	<i>Glorisa superba</i> Linn.
8. Kodikkalli (exempted for external use)	<i>Euphorbia tirucalli</i> Linn.
9. Kattu Thumatti	<i>Cucumis trigonus</i> Roxb.
10 Kunri (except root)	<i>Arbus precatorius</i> Linn.
11. Cheramkottai	<i>Semecarpus anacardium</i> Linn f.
12. Thillai	<i>Exoecoria agallocha</i> Linn.
13. Nabi	<i>Aconitum ferox</i> Wall.
14. Nervalam	<i>Croton tiglium</i> Linn.
15. Pugaielai	<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i> Linn.
16. Mancevikkalli	<i>Euphorbia species</i>

C. UNANI SYSTEM

1 Drugs of vegetable origin

1. Afiyun (except seed)	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> Linn.
2. Bazrul-banj	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i> Linn.
3. Bish	<i>Aconitum chasmanthum</i> Strapfex Holmes.
4. Bhang	<i>Cannabis sativa</i> Linn.

5. Charas	<i>Canabis sativa</i> Linn.
6. Dhatura seeds	<i>Datura metel</i> Linn (seeds).
7. Kuchla	<i>Strychnos nuxvomica</i> Linn.
8. Shokran	<i>Conium maculatum</i> Linn.

II Drugs of Animal origin

9. Sanp (head)	Snake (head).
10. Telni makkhi	<i>Mylabris cichori</i> Linn. <i>Mylabris pustulata</i> Thund. <i>Mylabris macilenta</i> .

III Drugs of Mineral origin

1. Darchikna	Hydrargryi perchloridum.
2. Hira	Diamond.
3. Ras Kapoor	Hydrargryi Subchloridum (calomel).
4. Shingruf	Hydrargryi bisulphuratum.
5. Zangar	Cupri subacetat.
6. Sammul-Far	(Abyaz, Asfar, Aswad and Ahmar) (white, yellow, black and red, Arsenic).
7. Tootiya	Copper Sulphate
8. Para	Hydrargyrum.
9. Hartal	Arsenic trisulphide (yellow).]