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The prevalence of spurious and counterfeit drugs poses a significant threat to public health, as such medications can fail to treat medical conditions and may lead to severe, long-term health consequences. Safeguarding the integrity of the drug supply chain—from manufacturing to the point of sale—is critical to ensuring the safety and efficacy of pharmaceuticals consumed by the public.

In a proactive step to combat this issue, the Government of India has amended the Drug Rules, 1945, introducing Schedule H2 under the said Rules. The primary objective of Schedule H2 is to prevent counterfeiting and enhance the traceability, quality, and safety of medications. Under this regulation, formulation brands listed under Schedule H2 (comprising 300 medicine brands) are required to carry Bar Codes or QR Codes on their packaging labels.

Public Advisory and Consumer Responsibility

All consumers are hereby advised to:

• Verify the Bar Code/QR Code on the label of Schedule H2 medicines at the time of purchase from pharmacies or medical stores.

• Report any suspected spurious or counterfeit drug products—especially those lacking the mandated Bar Code/QR Code—to the local Inspecting Officer (Drugs) without delay.

The complete list of Schedule H2 formulation brands is available on the official website of the Drugs Control Administration, Tripura (dca.tripura.gov.in).

Public cooperation is crucial in the fight against counterfeit drugs. Stay informed, stay safe.

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