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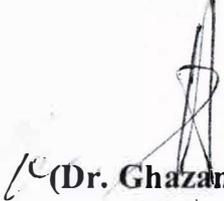
Islamabad, the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020

**Subject: EMERGENCY SUPPLIES OF MEDICAL DEVICES IN CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC.**

There is an acute difficulty faced in procurement of certain unregistered / un-enlisted medical devices including in-vitro diagnostic medical devices in prevailing emergency situation arising due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

2. The Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP), under rule 24 of the Medical Devices Rules, 2017, will facilitate importers who intend to import medical devices for use of patients in hospital (public or private). Therefore, importers having valid supply order of any procurement agency including the National Disaster Management Authority or any public or private hospital / institution / charitable trust may submit an urgent application to the DRAP for issuance of NOC for import. The DRAP upon receipt of application shall issue NOC within 24 hours. However, it must be borne that due to emergency situation owing to COVID-19, this exemption shall be for 90 days from date of issuance of NOC.

3. This issues with approval of the Chief Executive Officer, DRAP.

  
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