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Dr. Obaidullah Malik
Chief Executive Officer
Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP)
Islamabad

Subject: Complaint Against Allegations of Delay in Registration and Licensing Approvals of Medical Devices by the Medical Devices and Medicated Cosmetics (MDMC) Division DRAP, Impacting the Local Importers and Patients

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan has received a complaint against allegations of the delay in registration and licensing approvals of medical devices by the Medical Devices and Medicated Cosmetics (MDMC) Division DRAP, impacting the local importers and patients.

The complainant has made the following allegations:

1. The Online MDMC Licensing & Product Registration Portal is a digital platform launched by the Honorable Prime Minister, Federal Minister and DRAP in July 2025 to replace the old manual and semi-digital processes for medical devices (**Annex-A**).
2. The online portal allows manufacturers and importers to submit and manage regulatory applications online. The regulation of medical devices was implemented in Pakistan under the manual procedures, which took considerable time for processing and approvals. The DRAP enacted the Medical Devices Rules, 2017, which were further strengthened with the launch of this digital portal in July 2025.
3. The Federal Government launched the digital portal with an objective to expedite the process, with an aim to grant approvals within 20 days. However, MDMC Division has failed to implement the registration process through the portal despite the passage of more than six months. As a result, many applications from local importers are still pending with the MDMC Division of DRAP.
4. Many local importers have expressed serious concern regarding the continued delay, as it significantly impacts the timely availability and access of patients to essential medical products and necessary healthcare supplies.

Transparency International Pakistan Comments and Recommendations

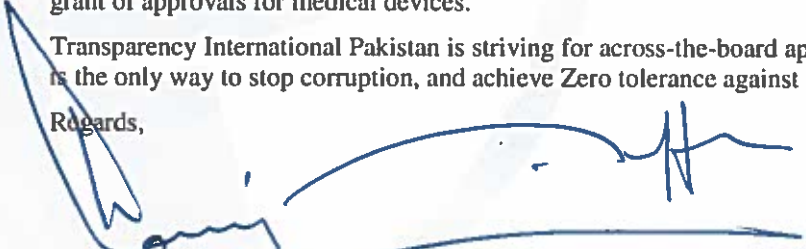
Transparency International Pakistan has reviewed the allegations of the complaint, prima facie, allegations seem correct. Following are TI Pakistan comments:

1. CEO DRAP is requested to look into the complaints as to why despite the passage of eight to nine months since the launch of the online platform, the old manual process continues to be followed by the MDMC Division.

Transparency International Pakistan requests the CEO DRAP to issue directives for appropriate measures to address the delays by MDMC Division and ensure compliance with online portal timely grant of approvals for medical devices.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across-the-board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to stop corruption, and achieve Zero tolerance against corruption.

Regards,


Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar,
Trustee/Legal Advisor
Transparency International Pakistan



Copies forwarded for the information with request to take action under their mandate to:

1. PSPM, PM House, Islamabad.
2. Federal Minister, National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (NHSR&C), Islamabad.
3. Federal Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (NHSR&C), Islamabad.
4. Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad.
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Note:

This is to clarify that Transparency International Pakistan is not a complainant, it acts as a whistleblower and operate under Article 19-A, of the Constitution of Pakistan which gives the right to public to know how government is being run by public officers. Article 19-A makes the right to access of information pertaining to a public authority a fundamental right, and a three member bench in case of Mukhtar Ahmad Ali vs the Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad, headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa in the landmark judgment on 16 October 2023, in CP No. 3532/2023, has declared that

“What previously may have been on a need-to-know basis Article 19A of the Constitution has transformed it to a right-to-know, and the Access to information is no longer a discretion granted through occasional benevolence, **but is now a fundamental right available with every Pakistani which right may be invoked under Article 19A of the Constitution**”

Annex-A

Inauguration of online system for the applications of Medical Devices

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The honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan has launched the "Digital System for Licensing & Registration of Medical Devices" of DRAP on July 21, 2025 in Islamabad.

We are thrilled to announce that the new MDMC Licensing and