PUBLIC NOTICE

Consumers of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs including the concerned stakeholders and public at large are hereby informed that the manufacturing of these drugs is regulated under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder. Such Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs containing any of the potentially hazardous ingredients of plant, animal or mineral origin as specified in the Schedule E(1), Rule 161(2) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, are required to be taken under medical supervision. As per the legal provisions, caution in this regard is to be printed on the label of the container of such medicines. Accordingly, the public is advised to purchase and consume such Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs only on prescription from a qualified registered practitioner of the respective system and avoid purchasing them online and using them without medical consultation.

Manufacturers of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs shall ensure to imprint ‘Caution: to be taken under medical supervision’ both in English and Hindi on the labels of all such Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs which contain potentially hazardous ingredients of plant, animal or mineral origin as specified in the Schedule E(1) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945. Cases of contravention of these provisions, as and when found, shall be immediately brought to the notice of the concerned State Licensing Authority for appropriate action.

Dated: 1st February, 2016

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(Note: Drugs & Cosmetics Rule 161 (2) and Schedule E (1) is uploaded in the Ministry’s website www.indianmedicine.nic.in under Acts, Rules and Notifications)