

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA/भारत सरकार**  
**MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्रालय**  
**(RAILWAY BOARD/रेलवे बोर्ड)**

No. 2018/H/4/1/Drug/Vigilance

New Delhi, Dated 28.01.2019

**Pr. Chief Medical Directors,  
All Indian Railways,  
&  
Chief Medical Officers,  
All Production Units including RDSO.**

**Sub:- Printing of drug standards on strips or preparation by manufacturers to  
comply with IP/USP/BP/Euro/ Pharmacopeia Standards - regarding.**

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Kind attention is invited to this office letter of even No. dated 31.10.2018 wherein it has been advised to all Indian Railways to ensure that all the products to be supplied by manufacturers/suppliers must comply with the IP/USP/BP/Euro/Pharmacopoeia drug standards on the strip and only the drugs standard bearing products be accepted at the Railway Hospitals/Stores.

However, it has been brought to the notice that difficulty is being faced by some of the railways where some essential medicines are not marked with IP/USP/BP/Euro/Pharmacopeia Drug Standards on strips or preparation and the product is important for the hospitals. In this regard, clarification/guidelines were sought from Board's Office to be followed in such situation for smooth availability of medicines in the Railway Hospitals.

After detailed deliberation in the matter, it has been decided that any product without the laid down standards on preparation, felt essential for the hospital, may be allowed to be procured from the firm only after receipt of details of testing protocol to be followed for analytical purposes from the firm so that the same could be supplied to the testing lab along with the sample of the product.

All Zones/PUs are, therefore, requested to comply with the above guidelines in case of non-printing of laid down standards on strip/preparation of the requisite products.

This issues with the approval of Director General (RIIS).

  
**(R.S.Shukla)**  
**Joint Director, Health**  
**Railway Board**  
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