



BULK DRUG MANUFACTURES ASSOCIATION (INDIA)

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Circular No. BDMA/073//2026

Date: 22nd June 2026

Dear Sir,

Sub: Proposal to include Tapentadol under NDPS Act 1985

We received a communication from the Department of Revenue that Government is under process to include Tapentadol as psychotropic Substance under NDPS Act 1985 to curb illegal sale/use and seeking industry inputs for the same. Copy of the communication is enclosed for information.

Members are who are manufacturing Tapentadol and are keen to oppose the proposal, are requested to give their inputs in the attached format, duly giving justification for opposing such inclusion on or before 26th June 2026 to enable us to compile and submit to the Department of Revenue.

With regards

**M Roja Rani
Executive Director**



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Government of India

Ministry of Finance

Department of Revenue

Kartavya Bhawan - 1, New Delhi

Dated, the 17th June, 2026

To

1. Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association

XRR7+9PP, Poonam Chambers, Dr Annie Besant Rd,

Opposite ATRIA Mall, Worli, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400018.

2. Chairman, Pharmexcil

305, Padma Tower II, Govind Lal Sikka Marg, Rajendra Place,

New Delhi, Delhi 110008.

3. Indian Chemical Council

206, Ansal Bhawan, KG Marg, New Delhi, 110001.

4. Basic Chemicals, Cosmetics & Dyes Export Promotion Council

(Chemexcil), Jhansi castle, 4th floor, 7-Cooperage Road, Mumbai-

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Subject:-Proposal for inclusion of Pharamaceutical Tablet

Tapentadol in the scheduled list of Pyschotropic Substances

under NDPS Act, 1985 – reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to inform that this department is in process of

Scheduling of Tapentadol in the Schedule of Psychotropic Substance

under the NDPS Act, 1985, to curb their illegal sale/illicit use.

2. In this regard, It is requested to furnish the views/suggestions

alongwith detailed justification and data (if any) regarding scheduling

of Tapentadol as Psychotropic Substance under the NDPS Act, 1985

in the attached questionnaire format

Encl: Questionnaire

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Yours faithfully

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Substance Name	
IUPAC Code:	
HSN Code:	
CAS Code:	

Criteria	Yes/ No/ Not Known	Comments supported with figures of past five years
Is the substance under review legitimately manufactured, imported, exported and/or used in our country?		
Legitimate manufacturer		
Trade (Import/Export) (Specify the origin Country and Destination Country)		
Quantity (in Kg)		
Value (FoB in USD\$)		
Distribution		
Intermediate Product (if any)		
Final Product		
Use (Ayurvedic/Industrial/Medicinal/Scientific etc.)		
Others (Please Specify)		
Were there any seizures, stopped or suspended shipments, and/or known cases of trafficking or transit involving the substance under review		
Seizures		
Stopped or suspended shipments		
Cases of trafficking or transit		
Diversion		
Others (Please Specify)		
Has the substance under review been used in the country in the clandestine manufacture of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, or precursors?		
Used in clandestine manufacture		
Possible impact of scheduling		
Is the substance under review is controlled under any act other than NDPS Act		
Difficulties in supporting the scheduling of the substance		