



# Drugmakers get more time to join 'Track and Trace' system for exports

DGFT extends deadline for implementation to August 1; manufacturers granted time for ensuring that data pertaining to maintaining parent-child relationship in packaging levels for export of drug formulations is uploaded on the central portal

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**D**rugmakers have got another extension, this time up to August 1, to help implement the Track and Trace system for export of pharmaceutical consignments.

On the cards for at least eight years, the system was mooted as a measure to address counterfeit and product recall challenges. The latest extension, from the earlier March 31 deadline, came in the backdrop of

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The long-delayed system is intended to help address counterfeiting and product recall challenges



- DGFT extends the start date for implementation for both SSI and non-SSI manufactured drugs
- Pharmexcil DG Bhaskar rules out any further delay in roll out, terms product traceability a good manufacturing practice
- Initially, secondary and tertiary packing to be brought under the barcode-based tracking and tracing system

pharma exporters' body Pharmexcil's representation to the Commerce De-

partment citing members' difficulties in implementing the system.

"The date for implementation of Track and Trace system for export of drug formulations with respect to maintaining the parent-child relationship in packaging levels and its uploading on central portal has been extended upto 1.08.2023 for both SSI and non SSI manufactured drugs," the Directorate General of Foreign Trade said in a notification.

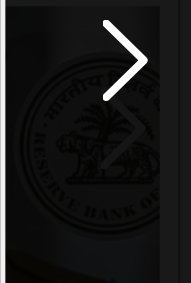
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(Pharmexcil) Director General Ravi Udaya Bhaskar ruled out the likelihood of any further delay in the roll out. "We have already paid C-DAC who is working on this [project], thus no further postponement will be there," he said, highlighting how product traceability was a part of good manufacturing practices.

Initially, secondary and tertiary packing will get covered under the system, the primary packing will be included at a later stage, Mr. Bhaskar added.

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