



Regulations in Health Sector: New Committee for Pharma, FoPL Notification and NMC's New Regulations

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Taking into account the desired close scrutiny of relationship between pharma cos and medical practitioners the centre has formed a high-level committee to look at the necessity of a legally enforceable mechanism to control pharmaceutical marketing practices. Pharma companies may now be sued for unethical marketing tactics.

A disagreement has developed regarding the design of the front-of-pack label in the drafted notification issued by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, despite the fact that some health experts believe that putting a warning symbol on products that are rich in sugar, salt, and fat is more likely to discourage customers from consuming them.

Due to ambiguity in NMCs new regulations with respect to international medical education NEET has caused uncertainty among students. In order to convince students to study abroad, foreign universities are taking advantage of the current situation by circulating misleading information.

In this background, the start of the new series of CUTS Occasional News Wrap (ONW) through this first volume on the issue captures various dimensions of health regulations expressed by way of selective write-ups, op-eds, articles, news, etc. in the month of September, 2022.

	Article/Op-ed	Key Takeaway
1.	<p>Nip this Pharma Threat in the Bud</p> <p>By Steve Brooks September 11, 2022</p>	<p>The National Action Plan on AMR has called for strict restrictions on the amount of antibiotic residue that can be found in food and pharmaceutical facilities. The fact that there are no regulatory restrictions on antibiotic residues has led to a number of reported cases of antibiotic pollution.</p>
2.	<p>Medical Education Regulator NMC Vague on Indian Students with Foreign Degrees, Giving Agents a Free Run</p> <p>By Jeevan Prakash Sharma Sep 13, 2022</p>	<p>The National Medical Commission (NMC), India's top regulatory authority for medical practitioners, recently issued a regulation that is laced with uncertainty and applies to international medical aspirants.</p>
3.	<p>CDSCO Falling Short in Effectively Regulating the Medical Devices Industry: Parliamentary Panel</p> <p>By Bindu Shajan Perappadan Sep 14, 2022</p>	<p>The Committee noted that only 18 certified medical device testing labs have been licenced by CDSCO in the nation, which is grossly insufficient considering the size of the country. It has been recommended that the new legislation establish a new set of regulators at different levels to regulate the medical device sector.</p>
4.	<p>Chips, Noodles, Chocolate, and Icecream Packaging Needs Labeling of Harmful Elements: Experts</p> <p>By Dilip Singh Kshatriya Sep 17, 2022</p>	<p>More than 5.8 million Indians die every year from non-communicable diseases (NCDs), including cancer, diabetes, uncontrolled hypertension, and cardiovascular diseases. The front of package label (FOPL) regulation needs to be made mandatory and put into effect quickly.</p>
5.	<p>Should AYUSH Practitioners Conduct Surgeries?</p> <p>By Dhananjay Mahapatra Sep 20, 2022</p>	<p>Allowing AYUSH practitioners of ayurveda, yoga, naturopathy, unani, sidda, and homoeopathy to prescribe modern allopathic medications and perform surgeries would encourage quackery and put the public's lives in danger..</p>
6.	<p>Nutrition Rating Stars Set to Appear Soon on Food Pack Labels</p> <p>By Annona Dutt Sep 21, 2022</p>	<p>To prevent consumers from buying packaged foods that are high in sugar, salt, and fat, India's food authority (FSSAI) has released a draft notification for front-of-pack labelling. Pre-packaged foods will need to have a star image next to the brand name that ranges from 0 to 5.</p>
7.	<p>Central Committee to Look into Regulation of Pharma Marketing Practices</p> <p>By Jyothi Datta Sep 21,2022</p>	<p>A committee has been established by the Centre for Pharmaceuticals Regulation and Quality (CPRPCR) to investigate the need for an effective legal framework to control pharmaceutical marketing practises. They must submit their recommendation within 90 days.</p>

8.	<p>No Central Storage of Data, Onus on Hospitals to Keep it Safe: NHA Chief</p> <p>By Deeksha Bhardwaj Sep 26, 2022</p>	<p>A healthcare app can now swing both sides of the pendulum between a regulatory enforcement request and a consumer's right to privacy. Health app developers and industry analysts in India are keeping an eye on this disruption.</p>
9.	<p>What's Next for AI Regulations in Medical Imaging?</p> <p>By AJ Waston Sep 27, 2022</p>	<p>Medical AI applications are becoming increasingly essential since they can provide significant benefits. Through speedy data analysis, these applications can provide quicker and more accurate insights for diagnosis and treatment, aiding clinical decision-making. By automating tedious and time-consuming administrative chores, they can also increase productivity for providers.</p>
10.	<p>New Fee Guidelines 2022</p> <p>By Anonna Dutt Sep 30, 2022</p>	<p>The National Medical Commission has issued two types of guidelines. According to the first rule, the tuition fee (for 50% of the available seats) must be comparable to that charged by government medical colleges. The second premise specifies that the charge must be set in accordance with the principles.</p>