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Government of India
Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority

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ORDER

S.O. 2856(E) :- The Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department. of Revenue), Vide Notification No. 58/2008 -CE dated 7th December 2008 has reduced the excise duty on drugs and pharmaceuticals from 8% to 4%.

2. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Paragraphs 8, 9 and 11 of the Drugs Price Control Order,1995, read with S.O. No.637(E) dated the 4th September 1997 issued by the Government of India in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority hereby and in supersession of the Order No. S.O. 418(E), dated 3rd March, 2008, by way of this general notification, revises the Equivalent Maximum Retail price (MRP) (inclusive of all taxes) of all Scheduled formulation packs downward, consequent to these changes. All manufacturers are required to reduce the Equivalent Maximum Retail Price (MRP) (inclusive of Excise duty & all taxes) by 2.84%.

[For example: For an existing equivalent MRP of Rs. 100, the revised Equivalent MRP (inclusive of all taxes) shall be Rs.97.16]

3. The above reduction in the Equivalent MRP (inclusive of Excise duty and all taxes) shall take effect immediately in terms of above mentioned notification dated the 7th December 2008 of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue).

4. The reduction in prices of such scheduled packs shall, however, not apply on those categories of scheduled formulation packs where no excise duty has been actually paid to the Government and therefore no excise duty shall be chargeable in the MRP of these scheduled formulation packs.

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