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"Local labelling of medical devices a big relief"

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NEW DELHI: The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry's Medical Device Forum has welcomed the recent gazette notification of the Central Government that comprehensively deals with a range of concerns sought by the medical device industry.

Inconvenience

"It may be recollected that the medical device industry had been inconvenienced following discontinuity in allowing India-specific labelling after imports. Rather it was directed that all products should be labelled before imports," said a release from the forum.

Forum members said that this comprehensive notification from the Central Gov-

ernment was urgently needed since the interim relief granted in March, 2014, by the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) was to expire in September, 2014, and that this was brought to the notice of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the DCG (I) by FICCI Medical Device Forum members.

Timely notification

FICCI Medical Devices Forum chairman Sushobhan Dasgupta said, "This has come as a big relief to the sector and ushers in a positive sentiment among the industry. The new notification is well timed as it will enable affordability and continued supply of medical devices to needy patients and health-care providers."

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