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**By Email**

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Shri Navdeep Rinwa, Joint Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals

**Subject: Reportage Requirements under Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices**

Dear Sir,

At the outset, Organisation of Pharmaceuticals Producers of India (OPPI) wishes to express its sincere thanks for taking prompt measures towards alleviating the challenges faced by the pharmaceutical industry due to COVID 19 pandemic.

OPPI also appreciates the consultative approach taken by you towards addressing the concerns in respect of UCPMP.

We are writing to you in the context of Clause 8.3 of the voluntary UCPMP that requires all the associations to send a quarterly report of the complaints received and decisions taken by the complaint handling bodies set up by such associations to National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA).

As a requirement under UCPMP, we wish to report to you that no complaints were received by OPPI from the period **1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 till date**.

OPPI wishes to state here that the above is being reported to you in view of the fact that OPPI has given its feedback/comments to various provisions of the existing UCPMP including the reportage clause and has *inter alia* suggested that the associations should be asked to send a quarterly report to the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) and not NPPA as OPPI members believe that the role of the NPPA must be restricted to being a pricing regulator rather than being involved in ethical marketing practices vis-à-vis industry's interaction with the healthcare professionals.

We look forward to further discussions and your guidance on outstanding issues in respect of UCPMP and resolution of the same.

Thank you.

Regards,

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