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**Preamble:**

The skewed child sex ratio is a matter of great concern for the State of Karnataka. Rapid technological advancements in techniques for sex selection/determination have direct relation to the declining Child Sex Ratio. Ultrasonography machines/Imaging Machine or any other machine capable of detecting sex are usually instrumental in prenatal sex determination which paves way for female foeticide. The strict implementation of the PC & PNDT Act is the prime duty of the State Government.

In reference to Notification dated: 24.2.2014 from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, wherein Rule 18(A)(7) All Appropriate Authorities including the State, District and Sub-District notified under the Act, inter-alia, shall observe the following regulation of ultrasound equipments namely:-

- (v) Monitor the sales and import of ultrasound machines including portable or buy back, assembled, gift, scrap or demo;
- (vi) Ensure regular quarterly reports from ultrasound manufacturers, dealers, wholesalers and retailers and any person dealing with the sales of ultrasound machine at the State level;
- (vii) Conduct periodical survey and audit of all the ultrasound machines sold and operating in the State or District to identify the unregistered machines;
- (viii) File complaint against any owner of the unregistered ultrasound machine and against the seller of the unregistered ultrasound machine.

The monitoring of the unauthorized sale/ circulation of USG/ Imaging machines and to curb their misuse, is hence is the duty of the State Government and therefore, the following instructions are circulated for strict compliance.


**Circular:**

2. All manufacturers, retailers, distributors, importers, dealers and technicians dealing in sale, buyback or repair of Ultrasonography/ Imaging machines in Karnataka are to be registered with State Appropriate Authority, PC & PNDT, Government of Karnataka. No person will be permitted to sale/ purchase/ buy back/repair or carry out any transaction of USG/ Imaging machine / probes or any instrument capable of detection of sex of foetus except from the dealers/ manufactures/ repairers registered with State Appropriate Authority in Government of Karnataka. (As per attached application for registration)
3. Manufacturers/ dealers will sell / buy back / repair USG machines / Imaging machine / any other machine capable of detecting sex and probes only to those clients/ clinics which are registered with the District Appropriate Authority of the concerned district.

4. Manufacturers, retailers, distributors, importers, dealers and technicians they will report to the State Appropriate Authority, Govt of Karnataka as well as the concerned District Appropriate Authority for every transaction or repair of USG/ Imaging machines prior to actual sale/ buyback or repair of the machines with all the details like make, model and serial no. of the machines and probes.
5. No clinic/ doctor will purchase/ sell/ give USG machines by way of buy back or repair of any USG/ Imaging machine from/ to any manufacturer, retailer; distributor, importer, dealer or technicians not registered with State Appropriate Authority, Govt of Karnataka.
6. Manufacturers, retailers, distributors, importers, dealers and technicians, will keep complete record of their business at the place of their business, in serial order regarding the date, make- model & serial no. of the USG/ Imaging machines/ any other machine capable of detecting sex/ probes sold/ bought back/ repaired/ traded or destroyed & will submit their quarterly report of sale/ buyback to District and State Appropriate Authority within 15 days of end of every quarter. Even if the information is "Nil", it is to be reported mandatorily.
7. Every manufacturer, retailers, distributors, importers, dealers and technicians will provide reasonable facilities for inspection of their record of the business at the place of their business on demand by concerned Appropriate Authority during inspection visit at all reasonable times.
8. All the transactions regarding the USG/ Imaging machines/ any other machine capable of detecting sex/ probes will be notified to the District Appropriate Authority of the concerned district by the Clinic / Doctor as well as by concerned Manufacturers, Distributors, Retailers, Importers/ technician.
9. Manufacturer/ dealer will report to both the State Appropriate Authority and District Appropriate Authority for every transaction of USG machine /Imaging machine/ any other machine capable of detecting sex/ probes prior to the actual sale of the machine.
10. Manufacture/ dealer will submit the report online. Till this mechanism is developed, reporting should be made on email id [ddpcpndtkar@gmail.com](mailto:ddpcpndtkar@gmail.com) and a hard copy submitted to the State Appropriate Authority, Directorate of Health and Family Welfare, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009
11. The manufacturer/Dealer / retailers / distributors / importers/ technician while doing transaction of any equipment which is capable of detection of sex of foetus will take an affidavit on stamp paper duly signed by notary public from the purchaser that no court case is pending against him / her in any state of India in relation to PC & PNDT Act.
12. Manufacturer/ dealer will report to State Appropriate Authority, Govt of Karnataka about the buyback of old equipments and probes from the client.
13. Manufacturer/ dealer will report to State Appropriate Authority, Govt, of Karnataka about the refurbishment or cannibalization of any old equipment purchased from the client.

14. This is responsibility of Machine manufacturers/Distributors/Suppliers/Refurbished Machine Dealers and the Proprietors of USG Center to make sure that they have the backup of all the images/information for the last two years as per PC&PNDT act incase machine buy back/repair/service.

All Manufacturers, Distributors, Retailers, Importers, technicians of Ultrasonography / Imaging machines/probes any other equipment capable of detecting sex of foetus are to follow the above mentioned instructions strictly, in a bid to stop illegal transactions of Ultrasonography / Imaging machines/probe or any other equipment capable of detecting sex. Any non-compliance of these instructions will be viewed as contravention of Sec. 3 (B) of The PC & PNDT Act, 1994 & Rule 3-A & Section 29, Rule 9 (6) of the PC & PNDT Rules 1996 & will be liable to prosecution by the concerned Appropriate Authority.

  
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