**Press Note**

**Two COVID-19 vaccines granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) in Pakistan**

*SinoPharm’s COVID-19 vaccine gets emergency use approval from DRAP*

Two different vaccines to protect against COVID-19 were evaluated and given emergency use authorization (EUA).

A spokesperson of Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) has informed that two COVID-19 vaccines have been granted EUA with certain conditions. Both vaccines were evaluated for their safety and quality. On January 15th, 2021 a vaccine manufactured by AstraZeneca was given EUA. In a meeting conducted by Registration Board of DRAP today January 18, 2021, another vaccine manufactured by China National Pharmaceutical Group (SinoPharm) has also been given EUA.

This authorization will be reviewed on quarterly basis keeping in view further data regarding safety, efficacy and quality.