## Government of Pakistan Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan \*\*\*

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**Press Release** 

## **Availability of Paracetamol**

The availability of paracetamol is currently under pressure due to higher than usual demand and international disruption of the supply of the medicine's active ingredient. Availability is lower than usual despite a 13% increase in production of this tablet by the leading manufacturer. It is anticipated that the raw material availability will improve in a couple of weeks.

Meanwhile, consumers are requested to avoid overstocking medicines at their homes. DRAP has also warned pharmacies, medical stores, and wholesale distributors on stockpiling of drugs at this critical moment. Any attempt at hoarding of drugs is a punishable offense and legal action will be taken against perpetrators.