Government of Pakistan
Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination
Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan
Prime Minister's National Health Complex, Park Road, Islamabad

No. F.11-1/2026-LA

Islamabad, the 2nd November, 2026.

Subject: **CLARIFICATION REGARDING S.R.O. 1688(I)/2026 DATED 6TH OCTOBER, 2026.**

The Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) has issued Notification No. S.R.O. 1688(I)/2026 dated 6th October, 2026, whereby certain Health and OTC products (non-drugs) have been notified as Therapeutic Goods under Section 2(xxxvi) of the DRAP Act, 2012. The said provision empowers the Authority to notify and declare any product as a Therapeutic Good for the purposes of regulation under the Act. Accordingly, the following product categories have been declared as Therapeutic Goods:

(i) Probiotics;
(ii) Disinfectants;
(iii) Nutritional products;
(iv) Food supplements (in pharmaceutical dosage forms);
(v) Specialized baby milk for medical conditions;
(vi) Medicated cosmetics;
(vii) Medicated soaps; and
(viii) Medicated shampoos.

2. The above notification was issued to foster an enabling regulatory environment for legitimate manufacturers. It does not bring any new product category within the regulatory ambit of the Authority. The Health and OTC Products (non-drugs) are already defined under Section 2(xv) of the DRAP Act, 2012, and remain subject to regulation by the respective Divisions of DRAP in accordance with their statutory mandate under Section 4(1) of the Act and the rules framed thereunder.

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8. Director (Health and OTC Products), DRAP, Islamabad; and
9. Director (MIS), DRAP, Islamabad (for placing the instant clarification on the official website of DRAP).