



# PHARMACEUTICALS EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

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Dear Sir,

**Sub: Request for considering Erythromycin Thiocyanate (TIOC) as drug intermediate.**

We wish to inform that some of the members have brought to our notice about their problems in importing Erythromycin Thiocyanate.

Our members contend that the above item is a drug intermediate as it is used in the manufacture of Erythromycin salts like Erythromycin stearate, Erythromycin Ethyl Succinate etc., and this drug intermediate undergoes manufacturing processes including purification, before its salts are manufactured. Erythromycin salts have lot of export potential. However, this item is considered as Drug by DGFT and thus import of this item is restricted. Representation received from one of our members, along with NOC from DCGI for import of this item as drug intermediate, is enclosed herewith for reference.

In view of the above, we request that Erythromycin Thiocyanate may be considered as Drug intermediate, as already clarified by DCG(I) office, and, therefore, delete policy conditions for this item.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,

*P. V. Appaji*

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