



Ministry of Health and Sports  
Myanmar



Department of Food and Drug Administration

# Drug Regulations in Myanmar

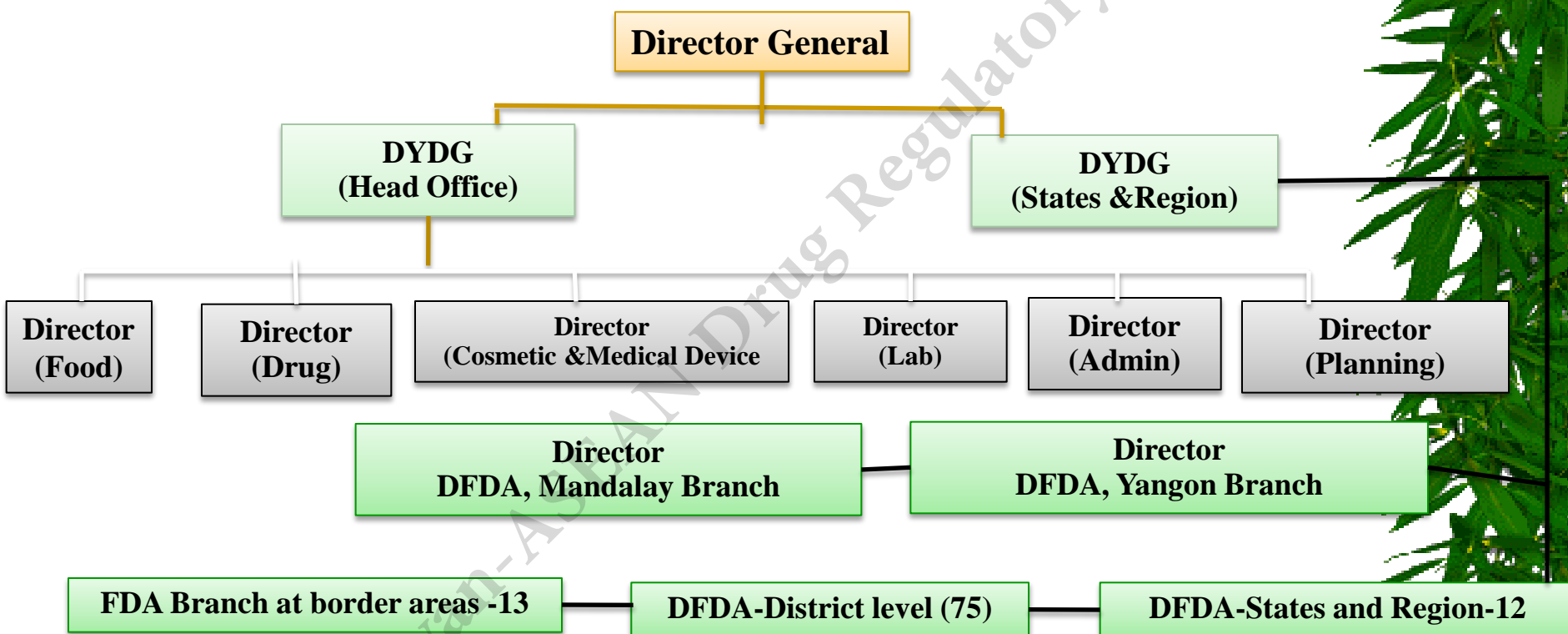


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# Departmental Profile of DFDA

- ★ Under Ministry of Health and Sports
- ❖ FDA established in 1995 under Department of Health - upgraded from Food and Drug Quality Control Laboratory of National Health Laboratory, yangon-1990
- ★ Expanded branches Mandalay(2000)
- ★ Nay Pyi Taw(2010)
- ★ Food and Drug Administration was upgraded to one of the department under MOH -very recently from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013
- Expansion of set up to 2875 fr 665
- ★ Branches at 12 States and Regions, district level
- ★ 13 Border Stations – at Muse, Myawady, Tamu, Tacheileik, Myeik and Kawthaung

# Organisation set-up of DFDA



## Central

### Drug Control Division

Registration

- Inspection & Licensing  
(Manufacturing, Import)
- PMS

## State & regional

Drug Control Division

- Inspection  
(Manufacturing, Import)
- PMS  
(pharmacy inspection,  
drug sample collection &  
Analysis, ADR monitor)

# Pharmaceutical Administration in Myanmar

- ★ To protect the public from unsafe drugs-
- ★ 1992 October - National Drug Law
- ★ 1993 August Notifications --Registration, manufacturing, sales, distribution, importation, labelling and advertisement
- ★ Administrative committee - MFDBA, CFDSC
- ★ Technical committee - DAC

# Myanmar Food and Drug Board of Authority



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Food Advisory Committee]; A --> C[Central Food and Drug Supervisory Committee]; C --> D[State/Regional FDSC]; D --> E[Township FDSC];
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The diagram illustrates the organizational structure of the Myanmar Food and Drug Board of Authority. It is a hierarchical chart with five levels. The top level is the Myanmar Food and Drug Board of Authority, which branches into two advisory committees (Drug and Food) and a Central Food and Drug Supervisory Committee. The Central committee oversees State/Regional FDSCs, which in turn oversee Township FDSCs.

**Drug Advisory Committee**  
**Food Advisory Committee**

**Central Food and Drug  
Supervisory Committee**

**State/Regional FDSC**

**Township FDSC**

# Types of Licences concerning with Pharmaceuticals

- ★ National Drug Law - October 1992
  - Product Licence  
(Drug Registration Certificate)
  - Manufacturer's Licence
  - Importer's Licence  
(Import Approval Certificate)
  - Drug Seller's Licence  
(Retail, Wholesale)

## Pharmaceuticals control activities

- (1) Marketing authorization for new products,  
Renewal Registration and variation of existing  
authorization
- (2) Good manufacturing practice inspection and  
licensing of manufacturers.
- (3) Good Storage & Good distribution Practice  
Inspection of Importer for DIAC
- (4) Post market Surveillance
- (5) Adverse drug reaction monitoring



# Registration Procedure in Myanmar

Notification concerned with registration in accordance with NDL

## Flow Chart for Drug Registration

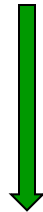
(According to Guideline for Registration Updated on  
April 2014)

### Applicant

- authorized representative of product licence holder at country of origin
- Resident in myanmar
- Local company-representative-company employee technical competent person authorized to serve as contact person

### LOA-letter of authorisation

- Manufacturer to Local party



# Registration Procedure in Myanmar

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## APPLICANT

- Getting a prescribed form for application(Form 1)
  - Separate Form (1) for different kinds of drugs and dosage forms
  - Entering a list of drugs,wished to be applied in register book at drug control section
  - Get a letter of intimation issued by DCS for remittance of assessment fee
  - Remit required payment to DFDA (assessment fee -300,000 kyats for each product)
  - Getting DFDA approval for importation of sample drugs
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# Registration Procedure in Myanmar

## Flow Chart for Drug Registration Application

### APPLICANT

- Submission of Complete ACTD and Samples accompanied with COA(lab analysis, retention, clinical trial)

### DFDA

- Check Samples of Labelling requirement ,shelf live
- Issue receipt
- Check completeness of documentary requirements
- For non-conforming dossier

Submit DAC for rejection

- For conforming dossier

Issue acknowledgement of receipt of Form 1 and dossiers

Designate application number and date for future reference



# Registration Procedure in Myanmar

## Previewing of documents

### DFDA

- Adequate information provided-proceed to further stages of evaluation
- Inadequate-ask further information

### APPLICANT

- Getting intimation (4 months from getting acknowledgement of receipt of dossier) to provide further information if it is needed
- Submit if required

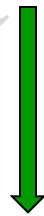


# Registration Procedure in Myanmar

- Review documents
- Conduct evaluation
- Confirmatory Clinical Trial (Only for New Products for Myanmar and New dosage form) and Getting Expert Opinion

Laboratory Analysis

Prepare a list of complete and assessed applications

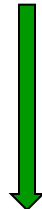


Submit to DAC Meeting for Submission and Consideration for Acceptance/Rejection

# Registration Procedure in Myanmar

## APPLICANT

- Enquire about approval
- Approximately **9months-1 yr (common established drug)** after Getting intimation (4 months from getting acknowledgement of receipt of dossier to provide further information if it is needed)
- **1½ yr or more (new product in myanmar)**



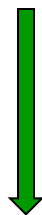
# Registration Procedure in Myanmar

## DFDA

- Issue letter of intimation to remit registration fee for approved drug

## APPLICANT

- remit registration fee (500,000 kyats) within 90 days from date of intimation and get credit advice issued by DFDA upon remittance of registration fees



# Registration Procedure in Myanmar

## FDA

- issue registration certificate 2 week to 1 month after receiving credit advice



# Registration Procedure in Myanmar

## Fees Levied

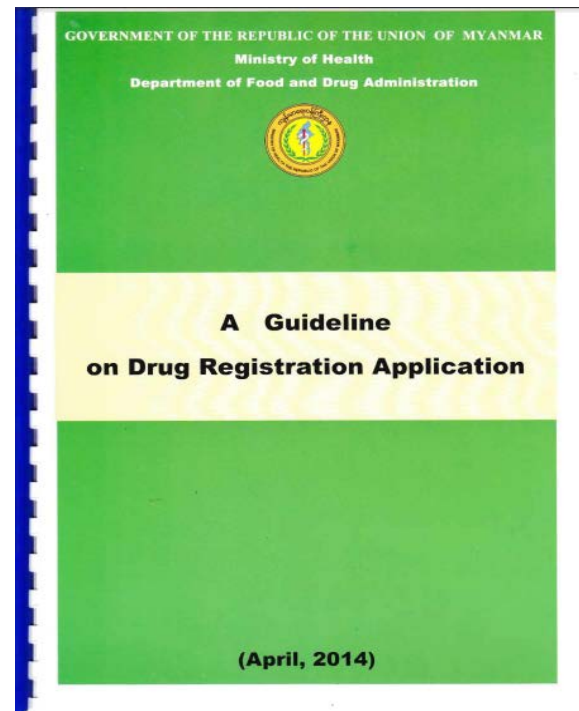
- ★ 1.Registration Assessment Fees-300,000 (In Kyats)+Fees (in kyats)for Lab analysis
- ★ 2.Registration Fees - 500,000(In Kyats)
- ★ 3.Variation of Registration- 100 ,000(In Kyats) for each variation

**Note:** (1) & (2) are levied either for fresh registration or renewal of registration.

# Registration Procedure in Myanmar

## Dossier Requirements

- To implement the ASEAN common technical Dossier (ACTD) Starting January, 2009.
- Required dossiers can be available in our guideline on drug registration application (updated in 2014)
- Guideline can be available online website [www.fdamyanmar.gov.mm](http://www.fdamyanmar.gov.mm)



# Drug Importation Approval Certificate

- Notification pertain to drug importation 5/93
- requirements of applicant- same as registration
- Case application forwarded by respective Company to FDA
  - Prescribed Forms
  - Documentary of storage premises and facilities, no of staffs and their duties, provision for protection of goods from contaminations .,etc
  - Inspection of warehouse (Good Storage & Good distribution Practice Inspection of Importer)
  - Facilities of the warehouse complied with requirement

# Drug Importation Approval Certificate

- ★ **Case reports put up to CFDSC for Consideration and Approval**
- ❑ Considered and recommended to issue Drug Importation Approval Certificate to the Applicant(valid 3 years)
- ❑ No of importer-208

# Manufacturer's license

- ★ Notification pertain to drug manufacturing 4/93
- ★ -evaluate description about factory by applicant-e,g layout plan, availability of water supply, equipments, HVAC system, waste disposal system,manufacturing process organization..etc),
- ★ - visit plant inspection by FDA
- ★ -issue notice - to correct some suggestion during inspection
- ★ IF all requirements have been met,submitted to CFDSC for consideration
- ❑ -issue manufacturer's license
- ★ -validity- 3 year
- ★ -Number of pharmaceutical factory – 8  
(including Government factory)

Private factory are now ongoing process

# Food and Drug Control Activity

## DFDA, Mandalay





# Food and Drug Control Activity

## DFDA, Mandalay

- ★ To enable the public to have quality and safe food efficacious drug- FDA (Mandalay Branch) is implementing the task complying with guidance from Ministry of Health, Myanmar Food and Drug Board of Authority and Department of Food and Drug Administration ( Nay Pyi Taw).

# Drug Control Activities

## ❑ Pre-market Assessment

### Inspection-

**Good manufacturing practice inspection** –as a member together with central department for licensing of manufacturers.

**Good Storage & Good distribution Practice Inspection** of drug store together with township FDSC for licensing of Importer-DIAC.



# Drug Control Activities

- ❑ Post-market Assessment

- 1-Sampling of drugs from the market

- 2-pharmacy inspection

- 3-ADR monitoring

# 1-Sampling of drugs from the market

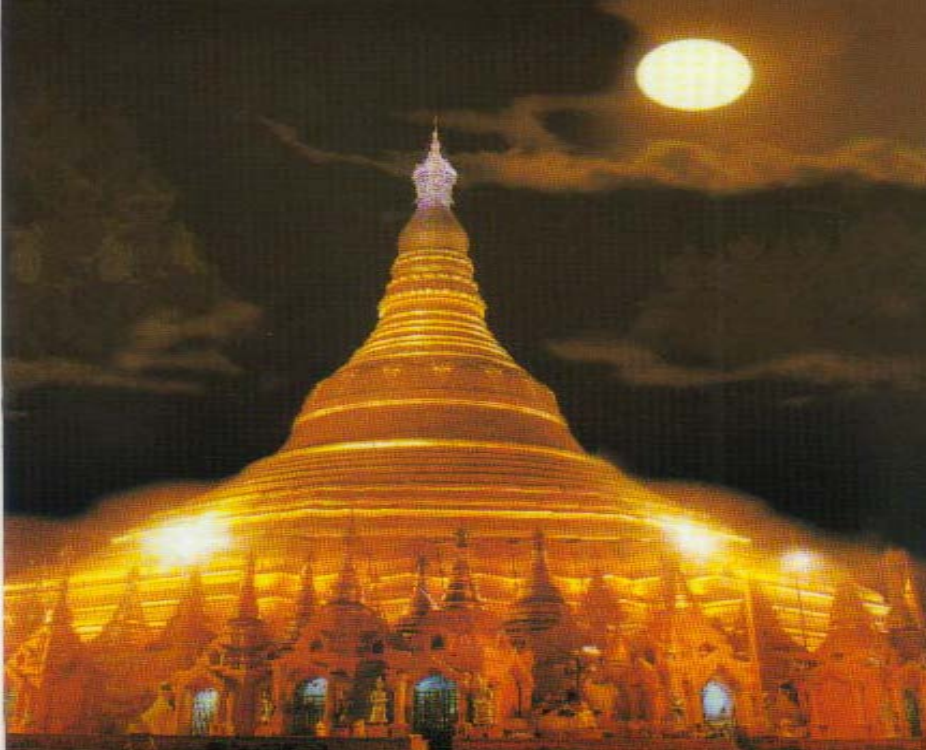
- ✱ Random sampling from retail and wholesale drug shops
- ✱ Test at drug lab
- ✱ If spurious, sub-standards or counterfeit drugs were identified during surveillance, confirmed at central lab and then actions were taken according to NDL
- ✱ Announcement of unregistered drugs in public news paper
- ✱ Alert notification of counterfeit to State/Region FDSC to enforce selling of such drug in pharmacy

## 2-Pharmacy Inspection –

- licensing for drug sellers (OTC and POM)—issued by TFDSC according to NDL
  - licensing for limited control drug(eg;benzodiazepam) selling-issued by TFDSC acc to Order related to control of narcotic and psychotropic promulgated in 2003
  - substances for highly controlled drug selling- issued by CFDSC acc to Order related to control of narcotic and psychotropic promulgated in 2003
  - \* -Pharmacy inspection together with TFDSC
    - compliance with GSP, GPP
    - Selling of unauthorized drugs
- (unregistered drug, fake drug, substandard drug, deteriorated drugs, adulterated drugs, dangerous drug which is determined as not fit for utilization by MOH by notification/announcement)
- \* -to whom violate NDL, Take action according to NDL

## 3-ADR Monitoring

- ★ DFDA distributes revised ADR form to Central/state/regional hospitals as well as health office and DAC members
- ★ Regulator, health care professional and marketing authorization holder are mainly concerned with PV activity
- ★ Spontaneous reporting
- ★ Mandatory for pharma company to report safety report to DFDA acc to NDL



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