



Cough Syrup Samples Fail Export Quality Test

Recently, data from the [Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation \(CDSCO\)](#), shows that at least 6% of [cough syrup samples](#) from 54 Indian manufacturers failed a mandatory quality test for export.

- **Gambia, Uzbekistan, Cameroon**, and the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) expressed concerns following the deaths of children who had taken these medications.
- **Indian manufactured syrups** were reported to be contaminated with [glycol](#) and **ethylene glycol** toxic substances that can sometimes be fatal, especially for children.
- India's pharmaceutical sector contributes around **1.72% of GDP** and the industry is worth approximately **USD 50 billion** with more than half coming from exports.
- The CDSCO under the **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare** is a national regulatory authority of India.

Read More: [India-made Syrups and Deaths in Gambia](#)

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