



Narcotics Control Bureau

Press Release

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- **Notification of “2-Bromo-4-Methylpropiofenone” as a CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE under NDPS Act, 1985**

The Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, vide Notification S.O. 1259(E) dated 11.03.2026, has notified **2-Bromo-4-Methylpropiofenone (CAS No. 1451-82-7)** as a controlled substance under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Regulation of Controlled Substances) Order, 2013, due to its increasing use in manufacturer of mephedrone (4-methylmethcathinone), a psychotropic substance.

All persons and entities engaged in the manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, possession, storage, consumption, import or export or in offering 2-Bromo-4-Methylpropiofenone for sale or distribution, or in mediating its sale or purchase, including through any website, social media platform or other electronic means, are required to obtain registration number in **Form A** from the jurisdictional Zonal Director, Narcotics Control Bureau, in accordance with the NDPS (RCS) Order, 2013. All such firms/entities are requested to submit registration applications in **Form B** to the concerned NCB Zonal Unit well in advance, i.e., **on or before Aug 7, 2026**, so that the registration number is issued by NCB within the statutory period of 180 days from March 11, 2026.

All manufacturers, traders, distributors, importers, exporters, consumers, users, and any other persons holding stocks of 2-Bromo-4-Methylpropiofenone are also requested to furnish details of the stock held as of **Jun 30, 2026**, to the jurisdictional Zonal Director, Narcotics Control Bureau, **on or before Jul 10, 2026**, in **Form X**.

Any person or entity dealing with the substance in contravention of the provisions of the NDPS Act, 1985, after Sep 7, 2026, shall render himself/ itself liable for penal action under Section 25A of the NDPS Act, 1985. Detailed procedures, prescribed Forms, and jurisdictions of NCB Zonal Units are available on the NCB Precursors Portal.
