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चेतावनी सूचना /ALERT NOTICE No. 01/2026

Subject: CMD Alert Notice No. 02/2026 – Export & Import of 2-Methylmethcathinone (2-MMC) - Reg

Attention of the Importers, Exporters, Customs Brokers, Custodians, Trade Associations and all other stakeholders is invited to CMD Alert Notice No. 02/2026 pertaining to the export and import of 2-Methylmethcathinone (2-MMC / Ortomephedrone), a non-scheduled chemical identified as an emerging high-risk New Psychoactive Substance (NPS) with significant potential for misuse in illicit drug manufacture. The 2-MMC is positional isomer of 4-MMC/mephedrone, a psychotropic substance under NDPS Act, 1985.

2. The global fight against narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances has entered a critical phase. The global drug control environment is witnessing a rapid proliferation of New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) that are designed to mimic controlled drugs while evading regulatory frameworks. International assessments, including those by the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), have highlighted that traffickers increasingly exploit non-scheduled designer precursors as substitutes in illicit drug production chains. Such substances are often circulated through legitimate trade channels, making their detection and control more challenging.

3. At the heart of this threat lies the misuse of precursor chemicals, which serve as essential building blocks in the illicit manufacture of dangerous psychoactive substances. Ensuring strict vigilance over the trade of these chemicals is therefore imperative to prevent their diversion into illegal drug production

4. Recent domestic and international intelligence signals a significant rise in the trade of certain non-scheduled chemicals namely 2-Methylmethcathinone (2-MMC), which itself is a synthetic stimulant with effects like methamphetamine and poses risks of abuse, addiction, and public health harm. Further, its availability as a non-scheduled substance, it poses as emerging high-risk challenges and enhances its attractiveness for illicit diversion

and possible use in clandestine synthesis of other psychoactive substances. Its growing movement in global supply chains demands heightened attention and proactive regulatory intervention

5. The INCB has consistently underscored the need for enhanced monitoring of such emerging substances through mechanisms such as early warning systems and voluntary surveillance frameworks, particularly where sufficient evidence exists of their misuse in illicit drug manufacture. Drawing from this approach, there is a clear requirement for proactive regulatory vigilance, even in cases where substances are not yet formally scheduled under national or international control regimes.

6. Given the evolving trafficking patterns and the rising potential for misuse, there is an urgent need for enhanced risk assessment of all consignments involving these substances. Strengthened scrutiny, timely intelligence, and coordinated regulatory action will be pivotal in preventing their diversion for illicit drug manufacture.

7. To strengthen preventive controls, chemical traders have been advised to voluntarily obtain a LIGHT-NOC from the Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN)—the Competent National Authority (CNA) for international trade in controlled substances—before undertaking any export or import of these chemicals.

8. Characteristics of the Chemical and Its Potential Misuse:

Chemical Name	Characteristics	CAS No.	Potential Misuse
2-Methylmethcathinone (also known as 2-MMC / Ortomephedrone / 2-Methyl-N-methylcathinone / 2-(Methylamino)-1-(2-methylphenyl)propan-1-one)	Typically encountered as its hydrochloride salt; a white crystalline powder with a melting point of 144-155°C.	1246911-71-6 (base)	Itself a designer psychotropic substance with stimulant and euphoric effects similar to methamphetamine, posing risks of abuse, addiction, and public health harm as a novel psychoactive substance.

9. Consequently, all officers and stakeholders are advised to maintain heightened vigilance in respect of consignments involving the above substance and thoroughly scrutinize the documentation associated with consignments involving the above substances, with particular focus on end-use declaration, destination, and valuation.

10. It is, therefore, requested that all concerned stakeholders and officers remain vigilant while handling consignments involving 2-Methylmethcathinone (2-MMC), to prevent its diversion for illicit purposes.

11. Difficulties, if any, may be brought to the notice of this office.

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**ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
AIR CARGO COMMISSIONERATE**

Encl: 1. CMD Alert Notice No. 02/2026 dated 07.05.2026

To

1. All Additional / Joint /Deputy/Asst. Commissioners, Chennai VII.
2. Appraisers/Superintendents in all Sections, Chennai – VII.
3. All Stake Holders

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