

# **PRESS NOTE**

## **F.D.A. issues orders against Himalaya Drug Company.**

The F.D.A. Maharashtra issued final orders on “Himalaya Baby Nourishing Oil” a massage oil manufactured by Himalaya Drug Company.

F.D.A. Maharashtra in their order held that “Himalaya Baby Nourishing Oil” can not be a proprietary Ayurvedic Medicine and Massage Oil for babies because Ayurvedic preparations do not allow mineral oil to be used as Massage Oil. The FDA, Maharashtra has also upheld charges of misbranding against the company for their claims on the products. The FDA order quotes as

- 1) The product “Himalaya Nourishing Baby Oil” by virtue of presence of Mineral Oil to the extent of 96% in the product labeled as Proprietary Ayurvedic Medicine attracts 33EEC. Necessary follow up action including prohibition of the sale of “Himalaya Nourishing Baby Oil” shall be issued by the Licensing Authority (Ayurveda), Maharashtra State,
- 2) FDA Maharashtra will restore the Ayurvedic status of product in case the Advisor (Ayurveda) Government of India approves the formulation of Ayurvedic Massage Oil containing 96% Mineral Oil as an Ayurvedic proprietary medicine and advises FDA Maharashtra accordingly.
- 3) Himalaya Drug Company shall not make any claim regarding any benefit arising on account of use of the “Himalaya Nourishing Baby Oil” to babies except with the written approval of the Drugs Controller of India to avoid misbranding under Section 17C (c) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

A copy of this order is also submitted to the Drugs Controller India, Advisor Ayurveda and Secretary, AYUSH for issuing further necessary directions to FDA Maharashtra on this order.

Full text of the order shall be posted on the website of Maharashtra Government.