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Rule 43A lists the places through which drugs may be imported into India. The draft would add, after "Inland Container Depot Dhannad and Tihi, Indore in Madhya Pradesh": Inland Container Depot Sonipat, Piyala and Harsaru in Haryana; Inland Container Depot Dadri in Uttar Pradesh; Inland Container Depot Gandhidham / Mundra in Gujarat; Inland Container Depot Sanath Nagar and Thimmapur in Hyderabad; Inland Container Depot Whitefield in Bengaluru; and Special Economic Zone Bommasandra in Karnataka.

A second change would add Noida International Airport in Uttar Pradesh after "Cochin, Thiruvananthapuram and Navi Mumbai". The draft adds places only. It removes none and changes no other part of Rule 43A. It does not mention medical devices or cosmetics.

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Places the draft would add to Rule 43A

Place	Where (as the draft says)	Kind
Sonipat, Piyala and Harsaru	Haryana	Inland Container Depot
Dadri	Uttar Pradesh	Inland Container Depot
Gandhidham / Mundra	Gujarat	Inland Container Depot
Sanath Nagar and Thimmapur	Hyderabad	Inland Container Depot
Whitefield	Bengaluru	Inland Container Depot
Bommasandra	Karnataka	Special Economic Zone
Noida International Airport	Uttar Pradesh	Added after Cochin, Thiruvananthapuram and Navi Mumbai

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