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PRESS STATEMENT

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Illicit fentanyl is killing too many Americans. Sanctioned online pharmacies like KS International Traders, based in India, have sold hundreds of thousands of counterfeit prescription pills laced with illicit fentanyl to unsuspecting victims across the United States, devastating families and communities nationwide.

Today, the Department of State is announcing steps to impose visa restrictions on 13 individuals who

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are close business associates of KS International Traders and its owner. KS International Traders generated revenue through the trafficking of illicit fentanyl, which President Trump designated as a Weapon of Mass Destruction under Executive Order (E.O.) 14367 (“Designating Fentanyl as a Weapon of Mass Destruction”). This action is taken under Section 212(a)(3)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

This action underscores the United States’ and India’s enduring and shared commitment to dismantling illicit drug entities and disrupting trafficking networks that harm Americans. Those complicit in poisoning Americans will be denied entry to the United States.

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