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The recitals say an Expert Committee, constituted on January 14, 2026 to examine the continued use or otherwise of carbosulfan, submitted its report on June 12, 2026. The Central Government also consulted the Registration Committee constituted under section 5 of the Act. That committee noted that carbosulfan is "an intrinsically highly hazardous carbamate insecticide which is rapidly metabolised to carbofuran, a highly toxic metabolite responsible for severe cholinesterase inhibition and acute systemic toxicity". It also noted significant toxicity to birds, pollinators, aquatic organisms and other non-target species, international regulatory actions restricting or prohibiting its use in several countries, and that no specific antidote exists, although atropine and other supportive measures are available for symptomatic management. It noted that continued use of carbosulfan "is likely to pose significant hazards to public health and the environments". It recommended "complete prohibition of Carbosulfan in India, i.e. an immediate ban on the manufacture, import, transport, distribution, sale, and use of Carbosulfan". The Central Government records being satisfied that its use "is likely to involve risk to human being and animals as to render it expedient or necessary to take immediate action".

The draft order has two clauses. Clause 1 names it the Banning of Carbosulfan Order, 2026, and says it "shall come into force on the date of its final publication in the Official Gazette". Clause 2(1) reads: "No person shall import, manufacture, sale, transport, distribute and use Carbosulfan from the date of publication of this Order." Under clause 2(2) to (4), the Registration Committee shall call back the certificates of registration granted for carbosulfan; action shall be taken under the Act against a holder who fails to return the certificate within a period of three months; and the certificates granted under section 9 "shall be deemed to be cancelled from the date of this order". Under clause 2(5), every State Government shall take the steps under the Act and its rules that it considers necessary to carry out the order in the state.

The draft will be taken into consideration after thirty days from the date copies of the Gazette containing it are made available to the public, and the Central Government will consider any objection or suggestion received before then. Objections and suggestions may be sent to the Joint Secretary (Plant Protection), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001. The draft gives no email

address and no end date. Its e-Gazette ID, CG-DL-E-24082026-275713, and its digital signature date the copy August 24, 2026; thirty days counted from then end on September 23, 2026.

Clause 1(2) ties commencement to final publication, while clause 2(1) runs from "the date of publication of this Order" and clause 2(4) from "the date of this order"; the draft does not say how these dates relate. It does not say when the three months under clause 2(3) begin, sets no period for existing stocks, does not mention formulations and does not list the holders of certificates. No final carbosulfan order was found in the e-Gazette through October 27, 2026.

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Insecticide	Carbosulfan
Would prohibit	Import, manufacture, sale, transport, distribution and use, by any person
Certificates of registration under section 9	Called back by the Registration Committee; action under the Act if not returned within three months; deemed cancelled "from the date of this order"
Applies to	Anyone who imports, makes, sells, transports, distributes or uses carbosulfan; holders of its certificates of registration; State Governments carry out the order
Takes effect	On final publication in the Official Gazette (clause 1(2)); the draft is not final
Expert Committee	Constituted January 14, 2026; report submitted June 12, 2026
Recommended by	Registration Committee under section 5 of the Act: complete prohibition
Comment period	Thirty days from the date copies of the Gazette are made available to the public; no end date is given. Counted from August 24, 2026, the date of the e-Gazette copy, thirty days end on September 23, 2026

Send comments to	Joint Secretary (Plant Protection), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001
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