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Draft S.O. 4996(E) would prohibit the import, manufacture, sale and distribution of carboxypenicillins and phosphonic acid derivatives for animal use.

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The draft lists, for animal use, two groups of antibiotics and their formulations: (i) carboxypenicillins and (ii) phosphonic acid derivatives. It names no individual molecule. Its preamble says the Central Government is satisfied that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest to prohibit the import, manufacture, sale and distribution of these antimicrobial medicinal products for animal use. It gives two grounds: the use in animals of drug formulations containing them is likely to involve risk to humans, and safer alternatives for animal use are available. The draft was published after consultation with the Drugs Technical Advisory Board.

The draft will be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of thirty days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing it are made available to the public. The Central Government will consider objections and suggestions received from any person within that period. They may be addressed to the Under Secretary (Drugs), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, U-6, Work Hall- C Wing, First Floor, Kartavya Bhawan-1, New Delhi, 110001, or emailed to drugsdiv-mohfw@gov.in. The draft names no end date. Its e-Gazette ID, CG-DL-E-15092026-276218, and its digital signature date the copy September 15, 2026; thirty days counted from then end on October 15, 2026.

The draft does not say when a final prohibition would take effect or what would happen to stock already made or imported. It refers to animal use in general and does not separate one kind of animal from another. It cites no earlier notification. Its file number, F. No. X.11035/125/2024-DR, is the same as that of S.O. 4338(E) of September 23, 2025. That notification prohibited the import, manufacture, sale and distribution of 15 antibiotics or antibiotic groups, 18 antivirals and one antiprotozoal for animal use. Carboxypenicillins and phosphonic acid derivatives are not on that list.

The draft is signed by Pushpendra Rajput, Joint Secretary. On October 28, 2026, CDSCO's Gazette notifications list showed no final notification on it.

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Gazette ID	CG-DL-E-15092026-276218; the e-Gazette copy is dated September 15, 2026
Applies to	Import, manufacture, sale and distribution, for animal use, of the listed antimicrobials and their formulations
Listed	Antibiotics: (i) Carboxypenicillins; (ii) Phosphonic acid derivatives
Grounds	Use in animals is likely to involve risk to humans; safer alternatives for animal use are available
Consulted	Drugs Technical Advisory Board
Comment period	Thirty days from the date copies of the Gazette are made available to the public; no end date is given. Counted from September 15, 2026, the date of the e-Gazette copy, thirty days end on October 15, 2026
Send comments to	Under Secretary (Drugs), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, or drugsdiv-mohfw@gov.in
Takes effect	Not stated; the draft is not final
Status	No final notification on CDSCO's Gazette notifications list on October 28, 2026
Signed by	Pushpendra Rajput, Jt. Secy.
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The notification (draft, under section 26A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940) (PDF, 578 KB)

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