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Crocin, D-Cold, Nasivion, others to go off shelves

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NEW DELHI: Common flu medicines such as Crocin Cold & Flu and children's drugs such as TedyKoff and T-98 will be off drugstore shelves following a ban on 350 combination drugs being sold without government approval.

The ban will also impact over 2,700 medicine brands, including flu medicine D-Cold Total, nasal drops Nasivion, cough syrup Chericof and analgesic Nimulid.

The health ministry banned the sale and manufacture of a range of anti-diabetic drugs, respiratory drugs, analgesics and anti-infective and gastro-intestinal drugs on Saturday, after an expert committee said the misuse of these combination drugs may contribute to antibiotic resistance. A fixed-dose combination (FDC) contains two or more drugs combined in a fixed ratio of doses, available in a single dosage form.

Abott India is likely to be worst hit, as its banned cough syrup Phensedyl accounts for a third of the Indian cough syrup market.

Other companies which are likely to be affected include

MEDICINES TO BE BANNED

Crocin Cold and Flu; D-Cold Total; Nasivion; Sumo; Oflox; Gastrolyl; Chericof; Nimulid; Kofnil; Dolo; Decoff; O2; T-98 and TedyKoff (Paediatric syrups) and others

COUGHING UP

| Banned | Not banned |
|-------------------|------------|
| Cough syrup brand | Type |
| Corex | RX |
| Ascoril | RX |
| Grilinctus | RX |
| Benadryl | OTC |
| Tus-Q | RX |
| Zedex | RX |
| Torex | OTC |
| Coscopin | RX |
| ALEX | RX |
| Taylix | RX |
| Chericof | OTC |
| Glycodin | RX |
| Phensedyl | RX |