156 Fixed-Dose Combination Medicines Banned in India - EAC Consumer Alert (2024)

Introduction

In August 2024, the Government of India banned 156 Fixed-Dose Combination (FDC) medicines after health authorities concluded that several of the combinations posed potential health risks and lacked sufficient therapeutic justification.

Following the announcement, the East African Community Competition Authority (EACCA) issued a consumer alert warning that some of these medicines could still be circulating within East African markets.

Digestive & Gastrointestinal Combinations

1. Amylase + Protease + Glucoamylase + Pectinase + Alpha Galactosidase + Lactase + Beta-Gluconase + Cellulase + Lipase + Bromelain + Xylanase + Hemicellulase + Malt diastase + Invertase + Papain
2. Bismuth Ammonium Citrate + Papain
3. Rabeprazole Sodium + Clidinium Bromide + Dicyclomine HCl + Chlordiazepoxide
4. Fungal Diastase + Papain + Nux Vomica Tincture + Cardamom Tincture + Casein Hydrolysed + Alcohol
5. Omeprazole Magnesium + Dicyclomine HCl
6. Sodium Citrate + Citric Acid Monohydrate + Cardamom Oil + Caraway Oil + Cinnamon Oil + Clove Oil + Ginger Oil + Alcohol
7. Sucralfate + Aceclofenac
8. Sucralfate + Domperidone + Dimethicone
9. Sucralfate + Domperidone
10. Ursodeoxycholic Acid + Metformin HCl
11. Weak Ginger Tincture + Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia + Peppermint Spirit + Chloroform + Sodium Bicarbonate + Compound Cardamom + Alcohol
12. Sucralfate + Pantoprazole Sodium + Zinc Gluconate + Light Magnesium Carbonate
13. Sucralfate + Domperidone + Simethicone

Liver Supplements & Multivitamin Combinations

14. Benfotiamine + Silymarin + L-Ornithine L-Aspartate + Sodium Selenite + Folic Acid + Pyridoxine Hydrochloride
15. Cyproheptadine HCl + Thiamine HCl + Riboflavin + Pyridoxine HCl + Niacinamide

16. Cyproheptadine Hydrochloride + Tricholine Citrate + Thiamine Hydrochloride + Riboflavin + Pyridoxine Hydrochloride
17. S-Adenosyl Methionine + Metadoxine + Ursodeoxycholic Acid + L-Methylfolate Calcium + Choline Bitartrate + Silymarin + L-Ornithine L-Aspartate + Inositol + Taurine
18. Silymarin + Thiamine Mononitrate + Riboflavin + Pyridoxine HCl + Niacinamide + Calcium Pantothenate + Vitamin B12
19. Silymarin + Pyridoxine HCl + Cyanocobalamin + Niacinamide + Folic Acid
20. Silymarin + Vitamin B6 + Vitamin B12 + Niacinamide + Folic Acid + Tricholine Citrate

Skin, Beauty & Topical Preparations

21. Aloe + Vitamin E Soap
22. Povidone Iodine + Metronidazole + Aloe
23. Azelaic Acid + Tea Tree Oil + Salicylic Acid + Allantoin + Zinc Oxide + Aloe Vera + Jojoba Oil + Vitamin E + Soap Noodles
24. Azithromycin + Adapalene
25. Calamine + Aloes + Allantoin
26. Calamine + Diphenhydramine Hydrochloride + Aloe + Glycerine + Camphor
27. Chlorphenesin + Zinc Oxide + Starch
28. Clindamycin Phosphate + Zinc Acetate
29. Gamma Benzene Hexachloride + Benzocaine
30. Glucosamine Hydrochloride + Diacerein + Menthol + Camphor + Capsaicin
31. Hydroxyquinone 2.0% + Octyl Methoxycinnamate 5.0% + Oxybenzone 30%
32. Ketoconazole + Zinc Pyrithione + D-Panthenol + Tea Tree Oil + Aloes
33. Ketoconazole + Aloe Vera + Vitamin A Acetate
34. Ketoconazole + Aloes + ZPTO
35. Kojic Acid + Arbutin + Octinoxate + Vitamin E + Mulberry
36. Lornoxicam + Capsaicin + Menthol + Camphor
37. Lornoxicam + Thiocolchicoside + Oleum Lini + Menthol + Methyl Salicylate
38. Menthol + Aloe Vera Topical Spray
39. Menthol + Lignocaine HCl + Aloe Vera Gel + Clotrimazole + Diphenhydramine

40. Miconazole Nitrate + Gentamicin + Fluocinolone Acetonide + Zinc Sulphate
41. Miconazole + Tinidazole
42. Minoxidil + Aminexil + Alcohol
43. Minoxidil + Azelaic Acid + Saw Palmetto
44. Minoxidil + Aminexil
45. Pine Bark Extract + Kojic Acid + Sodium Ascorbyl Phosphate
46. Povidone Iodine + Tinidazole + Zinc Sulphate
47. Povidone Iodine + Ornidazole + Dexpanthenol
48. Salicylic Acid + Aloe Vera + Allantoin + D-Panthenol
49. Silver Sulphadiazine + Chlorhexidine Gluconate + Allantoin + Aloe Vera Gel + Vitamin E Acetate
50. Sodium Salicylate + Zinc Gluconate + Pyridoxine HCl
51. Tetracycline + Colistin Sulphate
52. Beclomethasone Dipropionate + Neomycin Sulphate + Clotrimazole + Lignocaine HCl

Fertility & Sexual Health Combinations

53. Clomiphene + Ubidecarenone
54. Clomiphene Citrate + Estradiol Valerate
55. Clomiphene Citrate + N-Acetylcysteine
56. Sildenafil Citrate + Papaverine + L-Arginine

Neurological & Migraine Medicines

57. Divalproex Sodium + Oxcarbazepine
58. Divalproex Sodium + Levetiracetam
59. Ergotamine Tartrate + Caffeine + Paracetamol + Prochlorperazine Maleate
60. Piracetam + Ginkgo Biloba Extracts + Vinpocetine
61. Ginkgo Biloba + Methylcobalamin + Alpha Lipoic Acid + Pyridoxine HCl
62. Ginseng Extract + Dried Extract of Ginkgo Biloba
63. Meclizine HCl + Paracetamol + Caffeine
64. Nicergoline + Vinpocetine

65. Gamma Linolenic Acid + Methylcobalamin

Eye & Nasal Preparations

66. Boric Acid + Phenylephrine HCl + Naphazoline Nitrate + Menthol + Camphor
67. Naphazoline HCl + Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Zinc Sulphate + Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose
68. Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Naphazoline HCl + Zinc Sulphate + Sodium Chloride + Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose
69. Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Naphazoline HCl + Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose
70. Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Sodium Chloride + Boric Acid + Tetrahydrozoline HCl
71. Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Phenylephrine HCl + Antipyrine
72. Ketorolac Tromethamine + Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Phenylephrine HCl + Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose
73. Ketorolac Tromethamine + Flurometholone
74. Naphazoline HCl + Zinc Sulphate + Boric Acid + Sodium Chloride + Chlorpheniramine Maleate
75. Naphazoline HCl + Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose + Boric Acid + Borax + Menthol + Camphor
76. Naphazoline HCl + Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose + Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Boric Acid + Sodium Chloride + Zinc Sulphate
77. Naphazoline HCl + Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose + Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Boric Acid
78. Naphazoline HCl + Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Methyl Cellulose
79. Naphazoline HCl + Hydroxy Methyl Cellulose + Boric Acid + Menthol + Camphor
80. Naphazoline HCl + Boric Acid + Menthol + Camphor + Methyl Cellulose + Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Zinc Sulphate + Sodium Chloride
81. Naphazoline HCl + Phenylephrine HCl + HPMC + Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Menthol + Camphor
82. Naphazoline HCl + Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose + Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Boric Acid + Sodium Chloride + Zinc Sulphate + Menthol + Camphor
83. Naphazoline HCl + Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose + Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Boric Acid + Zinc Sulphate
84. Naphazoline HCl + Azelastine HCl + Sodium Carboxy Methyl Cellulose + Menthol + Camphor + Stabilized Oxychlorocomplex

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86. Naphazoline Nitrate + Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Phenylephrine HCl + Hydroxy Methyl Cellulose + Boric Acid + Menthol + Camphor
87. Naphazoline Nitrate + Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Zinc Sulphate + Boric Acid + Sodium Chloride
88. Norfloxacin + Tinidazole Eye Ointment
89. Ofloxacin + Beclomethasone Dipropionate + Lignocaine HCl
90. Naphazoline HCl + Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Phenylephrine HCl + Menthol + Camphor
91. Phenylephrine HCl + Naphazoline HCl + Menthol + Camphor + Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose
92. Phenylephrine HCl + Naphazoline HCl + Menthol + Camphor
93. Sulphacetamide Sodium + Zinc Sulphate + Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Boric Acid + Sodium Chloride
94. Zinc Sulphate + Boric Acid + Naphazoline HCl + Sodium Chloride + Phenyl Ethyl Alcohol

Allergy, Cold & Flu Medicines

95. Cetirizine HCl + Paracetamol + Phenylephrine HCl
96. Cetirizine HCl + Phenylephrine HCl
97. Levocetirizine + Phenylephrine HCl
98. Levocetirizine + Phenylephrine HCl + Paracetamol
99. Phenylephrine HCl + Paracetamol + Levocetirizine HCl + Menthol
100. Levocetirizine HCl + Ambroxol HCl + Paracetamol
101. Levocetirizine HCl + Ambroxol HCl + Phenylephrine HCl
102. Diethylcarbamazine Citrate + Chlorpheniramine Maleate
103. Diethylcarbamazine Citrate + Levocetirizine HCl
104. Ambroxol HCl + Phenylephrine HCl + Guaiphenesin
105. Bromhexine HCl + Phenylephrine HCl
106. Etofylline + Theophylline + Ambroxol HCl
107. Etofylline + Theophylline + Montelukast
108. Ambroxol HCl + Terbutaline Sulphate + Ammonium Chloride + Guaiphenesin + Menthol
109. Ambroxol HCl + Salbutamol Sulphate + Ammonium Chloride + Guaiphenesin + Menthol

110. Cetirizine HCl + Terbutaline Sulphate + Ambroxol HCl + Guaiphenesin

111. Dextromethorphan Hydrobromide + Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Ammonium Chloride + Sodium Citrate + Menthol

112. Salbutamol Sulphate + Bromhexine HCl + Guaiphenesin + Ammonium Chloride + Menthol

113. Terbutaline Sulphate + Bromhexine HCl + Chlorpheniramine Maleate

114. Chlorpheniramine Maleate + P.G Sulphonate + Ammonium Chloride + Sodium Citrate + Menthol

115. Aminophylline + Ammonium Chloride + Sodium Citrate

116. Paracetamol + Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Phenylpropanolamine

117. Trithioparamethoxyphenyl Propene + Chlorpheniramine Maleate

Painkillers, Antibiotics & Musculoskeletal Combinations

118. Aceclofenac 50mg + Paracetamol 125mg Oral Liquid

119. Aceclofenac 50mg + Paracetamol 125mg Tablet

120. Adenosine Triphosphate Diphosphate + Magnesium Orotate

121. Amoxicillin Trihydrate + Dicloxacillin Sodium + Lactobacillus

122. Camylofin Dihydrochloride 25mg + Paracetamol 300mg

123. Cefixime + Acetyl Cysteine

124. Cephalexin Monohydrate + Serratiopeptidase

125. Cetyl Myristoleate + Glucosamine Sulphate Potassium + Methyl Sulfonyl Methane

126. Diacerein + Glucosamine Sulphate Potassium Chloride + MSM + Cetyl Myristoleate

127. Paracetamol + Diclofenac Potassium + Caffeine Anhydrous

128. Diclofenac Sodium + Thiocolchicoside Injection

129. Doxycycline + Ornidazole + Bromelain + Lactobacillus Rhamnosus + Lactobacillus Reuteri

130. Doxycycline HCl + Betacyclodextrin + Serratiopeptidase

131. Erythromycin + Lactic Acid Bacillus

132. Etodolac + Paracetamol + Serratiopeptidase

133. Flupirtine Maleate 400mg + Paracetamol 325mg

134. Glucosamine Sulphate Potassium Chloride + Chondroitin Sulphate

135. Glucosamine Sulphate Potassium Chloride + MSM + Sodium Borate + Copper Sulphate + Manganese Sulphate + Vitamin D3

136. Glucosamine Sulphate Sodium Chloride + Manganese + Boron + Zinc + Copper

137. Glucosamine Sulphate + Chondroitin Sulphate + MSM + Vitamin D3 + Vitamin E + Vitamin C + Selenium + Zinc + Manganese + Chromium + Copper + Boron

138. Glucosamine Sulphate + MSM + Manganese Sulphate + Vitamin E Acetate + Calcium Carbonate

139. Glucosamine Sulphate + Vitamin E Acetate + Calcium Pantothenate + Vitamin D3

140. Glucosamine Sulphate Potassium Chloride + Calcium Carbonate + Vitamin D3

141. Cetyl Myristoleate + Glucosamine Sulphate Potassium Chloride + Methyl Sulfonyl Methane

142. Glucosamine Sulphate Potassium Chloride + MSM + Calcium Carbonate + Vitamin E + Manganese

143. Glucosamine Sulphate Potassium Chloride + Calcium Carbonate + MSM + Vitamin D3

144. Glucosamine Sulphate Potassium + Methyl Sulphate Sodium + Sulphonyl Methane + Chondroitin Sulphate Sodium + Calcium Carbonate + Vitamin D3 + Sodium Borate + Cupric Oxide + Colloidal Silicon Dioxide + Manganese Chloride

145. Methocarbamol + Diclofenac Sodium Injection

146. Paracetamol + Pentazocine

147. Sulfaquinoxaline + Diaveridine HCl + Vitamin K

148. Tramadol HCl + Dicyclomine HCl + Domperidone

149. Tramadol HCl + Paracetamol + Caffeine + Taurine

Additional Banned Combinations Mentioned in the Alert

150. Antimony Potassium Tartrate + Dried Ferrous Sulphate

151. Evening Primrose Oil + Cod Liver Oil

152. Flavoxate HCl + Ofloxacin

153. Tranexamic Acid + Mefenamic Acid + Vitamin K1

154. Etodolac + Paracetamol

155. Mefenamic Acid + Paracetamol Injection

156. Povidone Iodine + Metronidazole + Aloe Combination Preparations