List of antimicrobials reserved for treatment of certain infections in humans

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1255 designating antimicrobials or groups of antimicrobials reserved for treatment of certain infections in humans, in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council

What is changing and why?

Antimicrobial resistance is viewed as a major threat to global health. The EU seeks to limit the use of certain drugs to treat humans, to ensure their continued efficiency. The EU now prohibits the use of the substances listed in Table 1 in food-producing animals.

Actions

Exporters of animals and of foods of animal origin must ensure that foods that enter the EU from 3 September 2026 are produced from animals that have not been treated with any of the listed antimicrobial treatments (even for medical use) (see Rules on prohibited antimicrobials in imported animal products).

Timeline

The list applies from 9 February 2023 for food of animal origin produced in the EU and from 3 September 2026 for food of animal origin exported from non-EU countries to the EU (Regulation 2023/905).

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Table 1
List of antimicrobials reserved for treatment of certain infections in humans

Antibiotics	Antivirals	Antiprotozoals
Carbapenems	Amantadine	Nitazoxanide
Carboxypenicillins	Baloxavir marboxil	
Ceftobiprole	Celgosivir	
Ceftaroline	Favipiravir	
Combinations of cephalosporins with beta-lactamase inhibitors	Galidesivir	
Eravacycline	Lactimidomycin	
Galidesivir	Laninamivir	
Glycopeptides	Methisazone/metisazone	
Glycylcyclines	Molnupiravir	
Lipopeptides	Nitazoxanide	
Monobactams	Oseltamivir	
Omadacycline	Peramivir	
Oxazolidinones	Ribavirin	
Penems	Rimantadine	
Phosphonic acid derivates	Tizoxanide	
Plazomicin	Triazavirin	
Siderophore cephalosporins	Umifenovir	
Ureidopenicillins	Zanamivir	

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