

# Colistin antibiotic

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## Why in news?

- The Ministry of Health and Family welfare has ordered that **Colistin and its formulations be prohibited** for the production, sale and distribution of animals for food, poultry, aquaculture and supplements for animal feed.

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- It is a critical antibiotic that is frequently known as **last resort to save lives in Critical units**.
- It is also known as **polymyxin E** against gram negative bacteria.
- It is used for poultry and several other veterinary uses in order to stimulate development.
- This ban represents a major step forward for taking antimicrobial resistance action because it could easily spread to living organisms.
- **Drugs and cosmetics Act, 1940** has imposed the prohibition.