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The move could dent the turnovers of leading drug companies, including Merck, Lupin, Cadila, Torrent Pharma, Alembic, Ajanta Pharma and Panacea Biotec. The NPPA's decision doesn't

The NPPA's decision doesn't lead to extension of price controls to control-free (unscheduled) category , as the latest notifications are meant to cover new formulations launched by

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DECISION'S IMPACT

The new drugs include commonly-used antibiotics and painkillers as well as medicines used for treating cancer and skin disorders, a notice on National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority's website said

Companies including Lupin, Cadila Healthcare and Merck are among those selling drugs mentioned in the latest notice

In September, NPPA capped prices of 43 formulation packs including drugs such as antibiotic Ciprofloxacin, BCG vaccine and anti-diabetic Metformin

 The additional drugs join a list of nearly 400 essential medicines that have so far been placed under price control

companies by combining an NLEM or non-NLEM drug. NLEM drug, which is supposed It may be recalled that to be controlled, with another NPPA's move to extend price

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> price caps on 108 anti-diabetes and cardio-vascular formulations in July It was forced to rescind the order following the government flat.

The July order would have expanded the span of price controls to an additional 7% of the ₹75,000-crore retail pharma market. Since a new DPCO was promulgated last year, NPPA capped prices of 348 "essential drugs" defined in terms of spectified strengths, with a share of

about 20% of the market. Earlier, in September, NPPA had capped the prices of 43 formulation packs including drugs such as antibiotic ciprofloxacin, BCG vaccine and anti-diabetic metformin.

The NPPA is also entrusted with the task of recovering amountsovercharged bymanufacturers for the controlled drugsfrom consumers. It monitors the prices of decontrolled drugs as well in order to keep them at reasonable levels.

Citing "public interest" and the prevalence of "extraordinary of circumstances," NPPA put the circumstances of the provided of