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## Sun Pharma recalls drug batches in US

**Mumbai:** Indian generic-drug maker **Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd** has recalled some batches of drugs in the US after complaints of bottling mix-ups.

Sun Pharma is recalling a batch of generic diabetes tablets after a customer complained of finding pills of an epilepsy medication mixed in.

Separately, rival **Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd** pulled two batches of its version of **Pfizer Inc.**'s Lipitor cholesterol-lowering drug from the US market. Both recalls were listed in the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) enforcement report for the week of 5 March.

FDA officials have said they plan to tighten rules on how they regulate the generic-drug industry as a way to convince American consumers that safeguards are in place. Generic drugs, which make up almost 80% of the medicine used in the US, helped Americans save \$193 billion in 2011 as healthcare costs rise and insurers force more consumers to use them. **BLOOMBERG**

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