

## Approved Drug Colourants Listed by the European Union

Colour	E Number	Colour Index Number	Alternate Names
Allura Red AC <sup>(a)</sup>	E129	16035	FD&C Red #40
Aluminum***	E173	77000	--
Amaranth*** <sup>(a)</sup>	E123	16185	Delisted FD&C Red #2
Annatto***	E160b	75120	Bixin, norbixin
Anthocyanins <sup>(a)</sup>	E163	--	--
Beetroot Red	E162	--	Betanin
Beta APO-8'-Carotenal	E160e	40820	--
Brilliant Black BN <sup>(a)</sup>	E151	28440	Black BN
Brilliant Blue FCF <sup>(a)</sup>	E133	42090	FD&C Blue #1
Brown HT <sup>(a)</sup>	E155	20285	--
Calcium Carbonate	E170	77220	--
Canthaxanthin*	E161g	40850	--
Caramel,-Plain	E150a	--	--
Caramel,-Caustic Sulphite	E150b	--	--
Caramel,-Ammonia	E150c	--	--
Caramel, Sulphite Ammonia	E150d	--	--
Carmines <sup>(a)</sup>	E120	75470	Carminic Acid, Cochineal
Carmoisine <sup>(a)</sup>	E122	14720	Azorubine
Carotenes	E160a	40800 / 75130	--
Chlorophylls/Chlorophyllins	E140	75810 / 75815	--
Copper Complexes of Chlorophylls/Chlorophyllins <sup>(a)</sup>	E141	75815	--
Curcumin <sup>(a)</sup>	E100	75300	Turmeric
Erythrosine*** <sup>(a)</sup>	E127	45430	FD&C Red #3
Gold***	E175	77480	--
Green S <sup>(a)</sup>	E142	44090	Acid Brilliant Green BS
Indigotine <sup>(a)</sup>	E132	73015	FD&C Blue #2, Indigo Carmine
Iron Oxides & Hydroxides	E172	77491 / 77492 / 77499	Iron Oxide Red, Yellow, Black
Litholrubine BK*** <sup>(a)</sup>	E180	--	--
Lutein	E161b	--	--
Lycopene***	E160d	75125	--
Paprika Extract	E160c	--	Capsanthin, Capsorubin
Patent Blue V <sup>(a)</sup>	E131	42051	Acid Blue 3
Ponceau 4R <sup>(a)</sup>	E124	16255	Cochineal Red A

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Quinoline Yellow** (a)	E104	47005	China Yellow
Riboflavins (a)	E101	--	--
Silver***	E174	--	--
Sunset Yellow FCF (a)	E110	15985	FD&C Yellow #6, Orange Yellow S
Tartrazine (a)	E102	19140	FD&C Yellow #5
Titanium Dioxide	E171	77891	--
Vegetable Carbon	E153	77268:1	Carbo Medicinalis Vegetalis

The above list is derived from Part B, List of All Additives, from Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 on food additives.

Aluminium lakes can be prepared from the above colours marked (a).

**NOTE:**

\* Colorcon does not recommend the use of this colour in new drug applications.

\*\* This is not D&C Yellow #10. Although the C.I. numbers are the same, the dyes differ in composition. Quinoline Yellow is primarily the disulfonated quinoline dye, whereas D&C Yellow #10 is the monosulfonated colour. Quinoline Yellow is not accepted for use in the U.S; conversely, D&C Yellow #10 cannot be used in the EU.

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