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Traffic in Medicines

1.  the easiest and least dangerous form of black market in Rumania is in drugs and medicaments, many of which are in extremely short supply.

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<u>Name of Drug</u>	<u>Black Market Price (November 1952)</u>
Streptomycine	30 lei per gramme (price has recently dropped owing to increased state imports).
Sandoz Calcium (Swiss)	Not Known
Rimifon (Swiss)	500 lei per 100 tablets (Official price in Switzerland is 6 francs for 100 tablets).
Penicillin Oleum	150 lei per 3 million units.

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Rimifon is the most sought-after of the above-mentioned drugs.

Small quantities of these drugs are sometimes sent in private parcels from friends or relatives abroad. Until two or three years ago this was forbidden, but, owing to the shortages in Romania, such small-scale gifts are now permitted.

**Traffic in Foreign Currency:**

2. Foreign currency in the form of dollar and sterling notes can also be bought and sold on the black market. This is, however, most dangerous, and the penalties are severe. 25X1

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