Conditions and Requirements for the Clearance or Exportation of Individuals for Personal Use

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To be the leading regional Drug Regulatory Authority for pharmaceuticals and cosmetic products, with professional excellence and services that contribute to the protection and advancement of public health in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Mission:

Protecting public health by ensuring safety, quality, efficacy and accessibility of human, veterinary drugs and biological products, and safety of cosmetics, through administration of a national regulatory system which is consistent with international best practice. Through our mission, we also provide accurate and scientific-based information to the public and healthcare professionals.

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1	31/1/2017	Port Department	Updated version. Human and veterinary clearance are merged.
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1. **Conditions and requirements for the clearance of drug and products required in person that will be delivered by postal transport.**

1.1 Important notes:

- The applicant shall be sure that purchased from reliable and licensed sources in the country of purchase and the shipment shall be made to the Saudi Arabia directly.
- Drugs and pharmaceutical products that do not need to be cleared by a medical report, it is the responsibility of the applicant to consult a specialist doctor before using.
- Narcotic and psychiatric drugs subject to control shall not be transported by express or postal transport companies.
- The Authority does not guarantee the safety, effectiveness and quality of unregistered products required to be cleared in a personal capacity, nor does it guarantee if they are free of alcohol or pork derivatives.
- The quantity allowed to be cleared for personal use is sufficient for a maximum consumption of 3 months. Repeating the request during this period is not allowed.
- The clearance request for imported products is sent to the e-mail of the Drug Sector at the arrival port that is shown on SFDA website.
- If a prior approval is requested prior to purchase (import permit), a form "application form for clearance or personal export" will be sent to the e-mail. Import.drug@sfda.gov.sa (For more details visit the Import Code).

- **SFDA does not allow access the following:**
    1. Products with misleading and scientifically unproven medical claims (such as weight loss, weight gain, and others), as well as product that carry sexual allegations.
    2. Medicinal product derived from human blood or human plasma.
    3. Vaccine.
    4. Drugs that need to be used under medical supervision.
    5. Herbal blends and formulas of unknown ingredients and source.

1.2 Requirements for prescription human drugs clearance.

1. Fill out "the application form for clearance or personal export" that published on the forms page of SFDA website.

2. A copy of the prescription or medical report indicating the state of illness and the medicine required for treatment beside clarifying the duration of treatment and the recommended dose. The report shall be approved by the treatment institution and has not been issued for more than 6 months.

3. A copy of the applicant identification (patient).

4. A copy of purchase invoice.

5 A copy of bill of lading.

1.3 Requirements for veterinary prescription drugs clearance.

1. Fill out "the application form for clearance or personal export" that published on the forms page of SFDA website.

2. A copy of the veterinary prescription or medical report indicating the state of illness and the medicine required for treatment beside clarifying the duration of treatment, the recommended dose and number of animals. The report shall not be issued for more than 6 months.

3. Attach a letter or document from the Ministry of Agriculture proving the type and number of owned animals, if the inspector finds that the required quantity exceeds 15 packages for personal use.

4. A copy of the applicant identification (patient).

5.A copy of purchase invoice

6.A copy of bill of lading.

1.4 Requirements for non-prescription drug, Vitamins, health and herbal products beside the dietary supplements.

1. Fill out "the application form for clearance or personal export" that published on the forms page on SFDA website.

2. For veterinary medicines and preparations, a letter or document from the Ministry of Agriculture shall be attached confirming the type and number of animals owned if the required quantity exceeds 15 packages for personal use.

3. A copy of the applicant identification (patient).

4. A copy of purchase invoice.

5. A copy of bill of lading.

2.Conditions and requirements for the clearance of cosmetic products for personal use.

2.1 Important Notes:

- The amount allowed for personal use is 20 packs of the total imported quantity, with a weight not exceeding 15 kg.

2.2 The requirement:

1. Fill out “the application form for clearance or personal export” that published on the forms page of SFDA website.

2. A copy of the applicant identification (patient).

3. A copy of purchase invoice.

4. A copy of bill of lading.

3.Conditions and requirements for the clearance of incoming products with passengers.

3.1 General notes:

- Clearing narcotic and controlled medicines in an amount that is sufficient for a maximum of thirty per day is approved. Or the patient stay in the Saudi Arabia, whichever is less, provided that the drug expiration date is valid.
- A copy of the identification shall be taken if controlled narcotic drugs are in the possession of a relative of the patient (Parents, children, brothers, partner). Yet, if the controlled narcotic drugs are in the possession of with others, a proof of the patient's consent shall also be attached.
- The amount exceeding the patient need will be not cleared, and regular procedures will be taken with customs to destroy it.
- The applicant shall ensure the purchase are from reliable and licensed sources in the country of purchase.
- The quantity of medicines and preparations received shall not exceed what is not sufficient for the traveller use for a period of 3 months or for the duration of his stay, whichever is less.
- The SFDA does not guarantee the safety, effectiveness and quality of unregistered preparations required to be cleared in a personal capacity and does not include the absence of alcohol or pork derivatives.
- Prohibited drugs and substances are forbidden to clear internationally and locally.
- The clearance of drugs in category (D) of the schedule and category (A) of the second table of the Control of narcotic drugs and Psychotropic Substances and psychotropic substances, as well as the resources referred to in paragraph (fourth) of the Control of narcotic drugs and Psychotropic Substances, are prohibited.
- A request for clearance is submitted to SFDA branch at the customs port through which the drugs will arrive (Or SFDA- Drug Sector- if the Authority does not have a branch at the customs port).
- **SFDA does not allow access the following:**
    6. Products with misleading and scientifically unproven medical claims (such as weight loss, weight gain, and others), as well as product that carry sexual allegations.
    7. Medicinal product derived from human blood or human plasma.
    8. Vaccine.
    9. Drugs that need to be used under medical supervision.
    10. Herbal blends and formulas of unknown ingredients and source.

3.2 Requirements for controlled and non- controlled drugs.

3.2.1 Controlled narcotic drugs:

1. Fill out “the application form for clearance or personal export” that published on the forms page of SFDA website.

2. Attach a detailed and approved medical report from the therapeutic institution where the patient is treated and the date of its issuance has not been more than six months. Shall Include the following: (Personal information about the patient, medical diagnosis, treatment plan and duration, medical recommendations, scientific drug name, pharmaceutical form and prescribed dosage.)

3. Attachment of a prescription in the patient's name approved by the same therapeutic institution, no longer than six months after its issuance. Shall include the following: (Diagnosis of the disease, the name of the scientific drug, the pharmacological form and the prescribed dosage, the method of use and duration of treatment, the seal of the therapeutic institution.)

4. A copy of the applicant identification (patient).

3.2.2 non controlled products and drugs:

1. Fill out “the application form for clearance or personal export” that published on the forms page of SFDA website.

2. A copy of the prescription or medical report indicating the state of illness and the medicine required for treatment beside clarifying the duration of treatment and the recommended dose. The report shall be approved by the treatment institution and has not been issued for more than 6 months.

3. A copy of the applicant identification (patient).

4.Requirements for personal export of products outside the Saudi Arabia.

4.1 Important notes:

- A personal export application form is sent to the port management email (ports.Drug@sfda.gov.sa).
- The quantity permitted to be exported for personal use is sufficient for a maximum consumption of 3 months, and the order cannot be repeated during this period.
- Prohibited drugs and substances are forbidden to clear internationally and locally.
- The clearance of drugs in category (D) of the schedule and category (A) of the second table of the Control of narcotic drugs and Psychotropic Substances and psychotropic substances, as well as the resources referred to in paragraph (fourth) of the Control of narcotic drugs and Psychotropic Substances, are prohibited.
- A request for clearance is submitted to SFDA branch at the customs port through which the drugs will arrive (Or SFDA- Drug Sector- if the Authority does not have a branch at the customs port).

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1. Fill out "the application form for clearance or personal export" that published on the forms page of SFDA website.
2. A copy of the applicant identification (patient).
3. A copy of the prescription or medical report indicating the state of illness and the medicine required for treatment beside clarifying the duration of treatment and the recommended dose. The report shall be approved by the treatment institution and has not been issued for more than 6 months.
4. A copy of purchase invoice.

4.2.2Requirements for controlled and non- controlled drugs:

1. Fill out "the application form for clearance or personal export" that published on the forms page of SFDA website.
2. Attach a detailed and approved medical report from the therapeutic institution where the patient is treated and the date of its issuance has not been more than six months. Shall Include the following: (Personal information about the patient, medical diagnosis, treatment plan and duration, medical recommendations, scientific drug name, pharmaceutical form and prescribed dosage.)
3. Attachment of a prescription in the patient's name approved by the same therapeutic institution, no longer than six months after its issuance. Shall include the following: (Diagnosis of the disease, the name of the scientific drug, the pharmacological form and the prescribed dosage, the method of use and duration of treatment, the seal of the therapeutic institution.)
4. A copy of the applicant identification (patient).

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The table below clarifies the updates:

Title	Update Type
Requirements for personal export of products out of Saudi Arabia.	-The phrase "via the express mail" have been deleted from the address. - The paragraph has also been deleted (the export of controlled and narcotic drugs is approved in sufficient quantity for a maximum of 30 days).