



Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Saudi Food & Drug Authority



Conditions and requirements

**for obtaining permits for drugs,
pharmaceuticals, and cosmetic products
for individuals for personal use**

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Vision and Mission of the Saudi Food and Drug Authority



Our vision...

Is based on scientific principles to enhance and protect, aiming to become a globally leading authority in public health.



Our mission...

To protect the community through effective legislation and regulatory system to ensure the safety of food, drugs, medical devices, cosmetics, pesticides, and feed products.

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Below is a table showing the updates

Address	Update type
Directory address	Amendment Change directory title
Important Remarks	Amendment Collect important notes at the beginning of the guide
	Add Table of quantities in important notes Compliance with controls issued by the Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority. An import permit issued by the Authority for medicines and veterinary preparations if the required quantity exceeds 15 packages for personal use.
	Cancel Canceling the requirement for an identity document, just writing the national ID number.
Personal requirements for exporting products outside the Kingdom	Delete Export requirements will be set out in separate requirements later.
Clearance and export application form	Amendment Clearance and export application form



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1. Important Notes

1.1 The task of clearing shipments that arrive personally, whether with passengers or via express mail, is subject to the Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority, according to the minutes of the meetings held between the General Authority for Food and Drug Administration and the Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority. If the shipment is referred to the Authority, either by request of the Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority or the sender, these terms and requirements will be applied.

1.2 Without compromising the requirements for clearing products intended for personal use as stipulated by the Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority, the General Authority for Food and Drug Administration allows entry of products under the regulated controls mentioned in this document.

1.3 The requester must ensure that they have purchased from reliable and licensed sources in the country of purchase, and shipping must be directly to the Kingdom.

1.4 The Authority does not guarantee the safety, efficacy, or quality of unregistered products requested for personal clearance, nor does it guarantee their freedom from alcohol or pork derivatives.

1.5 For medicines and pharmaceuticals that do not require a medical report for clearance, it is the responsibility of the requester to consult a specialized physician before use.

1.6 It is not permitted to transport narcotic and psychotropic drugs subject to control through express transport companies or mail.

1.7 Quantity allowed to be cleared for personal use

Product Type	Quantity
Non-prescription medicines, health preparations, vitamins, and herbal supplements (human and veterinary)	A maximum consumption period of 3 months as stated in the method of use, and repeated orders are not permitted during this period.
Prescription medications	A maximum consumption period of 3 months according to the attached recipe. Re-ordering is not permitted during this period.
Prescription medicines for veterinary use	A maximum consumption period of 3 months or 15 packages of the entire shipment, according to the attached recipe. Re-ordering is not permitted during this period *.
Cosmetic products	The quantity allowed to be cleared for personal use is 20 packages out of the total imported quantity, provided that their weight does not exceed 15 kg.
Narcotic and controlled drugs	Only travelers are allowed according to the procedures and controls for narcotics and psychotropic substances for a maximum of thirty days or the duration of the patient's stay in the Kingdom, whichever is less. The Authority has the right to exempt from the duration requirement in case the required medication or an alternative is not available in the local market, provided that the medication is valid.
Locally controlled drugs	It is sufficient for the traveler to use for 3 months or the duration of his stay, whichever is less.

*** In the event that the quantity exceeds 15 packages of prescription medicines for veterinary use, an import permit must be issued from the Authority and it is treated as stables and farms for raising livestock and projects.**

1.8 Prior approval must be obtained from the Authority before purchasing online products that will be received via express mail (import permit). This is done by emailing import.drug@sfda.gov.sa

1.9 The clearance request for imported products is sent to the central clearance e-mail address of the port of arrival (for travelers, the request is not sent):

The central clearing in the central sector	MCC@SFDA.GOV.SA
Central clearing in the eastern sector	IECC@SFDA.GOV.SA
Central clearing in the western sector	WCC@SFDA.GOV.SA

Clearance centers in the branches and outlets that cover work therein

Western sector	Eastern sector	Middle sector
Yanbu Airport	King Fahad Industrial Port, Jubail	Qassim Airport
Taif Airport		King Khaled International Airport
Yanbu Commercial Port	Ras Al-Khair port	
King Fahd Industrial Port in Yanbu	Jubail Commercial Port	Riyadh Dry Port
	Al-Raqi	Tabuk Airport
King Abdulaziz International Airport	Al-Ahsa International Airport	Al-Jouf Airport
		Hail Airport
Prince Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Airport	King Fahad International Airport	Modern outlet
Jeddah Islamic Port	King Abdul Aziz Port	Ammar's case
King Abdullah Port, Rabigh	Khafji port	Durra outlet
Abha Airport	King Fahd Causeway port	Duba Port
Jizan Port	The savior of Batha	NEOM Airport
Deposit outlet	Salwa outlet	New Arar outlet

10.1 The authority does not allow the entry of the following:

1.10.1 Products with misleading and scientifically unproven medical claims, such as weight loss, weight gain, and others, as well as products with sexual claims.

1.10.2 Blood derivatives and vaccines.

1.10.3 Medications that require medical supervision.

1.10.4 Herbal mixtures and formulations with unknown ingredients and sources.

1.10.5 Veterinary vaccines, narcotic drugs, and drugs with special veterinary regulations.

1.10.6 Prohibited products and substances internationally and locally.

2. Conditions and requirements for importing drugs and pharmaceuticals personally through express mail

2.1 Requirements for importing prescription drugs for human use

2.1.1 Personal import permit.

2.1.2 Filling out the "Personal Import Permit Application Form"
(attached)

2.1.3 A copy of the prescription or medical report indicating the medical condition and the required medication for treatment, specifying the duration of treatment and the recommended dosage. The report must be certified by the medical institution and must not be more than 7 months old.

2.1.4 A copy of the purchase invoice.

2.1.5 A copy of the shipping bill.

2.1.6 Attach the above requests in the email addressed to the central import department according to the access port to complete the necessary procedures for importation.

2.2 Requirements for importing prescription drugs for veterinary use

2.2.1 Filling out the "Personal Import Permit Application Form"
(attached)

2.2.2 A copy of the veterinary medical report indicating the medical condition and the required medication, specifying the duration of treatment, the recommended dosage, and the number of animals. The report must not be more than 6 months old.

2.2.3 A copy of the purchase invoice.

2.2.4 A copy of the shipping bill.

2.2.5 Attach the above requests in the email addressed to the central import department according to the access port to complete the necessary procedures for importation.

2.3 Requirements for importing prescription drugs for veterinary use for stables, farms for livestock breeding, and projects

2.3.1 Import permit issued by the authority.

2.3.2 A copy of the purchase invoice.

2.3.3 A copy of the shipping bill.

2.3.4 Attach the above requests in the email addressed to the central import department according to the access port to complete the necessary procedures for importation.

2.4 Requirements for importing non-prescription drugs, vitamins, health products, and herbal supplements (human and veterinary)

2.4.1 Filling out the "Personal Import Permit Application Form" (attached)

2.4.2 For drugs and veterinary products, an import permit issued by the authority must be attached if the quantity requested exceeds 15 packages for personal use.

2.4.3 A copy of the purchase invoice.

2.4.4 A copy of the shipping bill.

2.4.5 Attach the above requests in the email addressed to the central import department according to the access port to complete the necessary procedures for importation.

3. Conditions and requirements for importing cosmetics for personal use

3.1 Requirements:

3.1.1 Filling out the "Personal Import Permit Application Form" (attached).

3.1.2 A copy of the purchase invoice.

3.1.3 A copy of the shipping bill.

3.1.4 Attach the above requests in the email addressed to the central import department according to the access port to complete the necessary procedures for importation.

4. Conditions and requirements for clearing products brought with passengers arriving in the Kingdom:

4.1 General Notes:

Without prejudice to the important notes in this document.

4.1.1 If controlled drugs in possession of a relative of the patient (parents, children, siblings, and spouse), a copy of their identification must be provided. If in possession of others, proof of patient's consent must also be attached.

4.1.2 Excess quantities beyond the patient's needs will be rejected (according to the procedures and controls of controlled substances and quantities specified in the above document), and medical reports will be processed to notify the Tax, Zakat, and Customs Authority for destruction.

4.1.3 The clearance of drugs in category (d) of the first table and category (a) of the second table in the Drug and Psychotropic Substances Control System, as well as the substances referred to in paragraph (fourth) in the tables of the Drug and Psychotropic Substances Control System, is prohibited.

4.2 Requirements:

4.2.1 Controlled and regulated drugs

Filling out the "Personal Import Permit Application Form" (attached)

B. Attaching a detailed medical report approved by the medical institution treating the patient, not more than six months old from the date of issue, including:

- Personal information about the patient.
- Medical diagnosis.
- Treatment plan and duration.
- Medical recommendations.
- Scientific name of the drug, pharmaceutical form, and prescribed dosage.

Alternatively, attaching a prescription in the patient's name approved by the same medical institution, not more than six months old from the date of issue, containing the following information:

- Disease diagnosis.
- Scientific name of the drug, pharmaceutical form, and prescribed dosage.
- Method of use.
- Treatment duration.
- Medical institution's stamp.

C. Copy of the requester's (patient's) identification.


4.2.2 Prescription drugs and pharmaceuticals

- A. Filling out the "Personal Import Permit Application Form" (attached)
- B. A copy of the prescription or medical report indicating the medical condition and the required medication for treatment, specifying the duration of treatment and the recommended dosage. The report must be certified by the medical institution and must not be more than 7 months old.

4.2.3 Requirements for importing prescription drugs for veterinary use

- A. Filling out the "Personal Import Permit Application Form" (attached)
- B. A copy of the veterinary medical report indicating the medical condition and the required medication, specifying the duration of treatment, the recommended dosage, and the number of animals. The report must not be more than 6 months old.

5. Application for Clearance of personal products

Application for Clearance or Export of personal products				
Applicant Name				
National I.D no./ Iqama no.				
Mobile No.				
E-mail				
Carrier				
Arrival Port				
Clearance	Tracking No.			
	Shipping Country			
Quantity/Pack size		Pharmaceutical Form	Product name (Full name)	
These products are for my personal use only and I will take full responsibility if any side effects happen from usage.				
Number I.D		Date	Signature	

