



# St Kitts - Nevis Customs & Excise Department

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: CUSTOMS STAFF**

**FROM: COMPTROLLER OF CUSTOMS (Ag.)**

**SUBJECT: IMPORTATION OF CONTROLLED DRUGS**

This memo serves as a reminder to all officers that the importation of controlled drugs and antibiotics is governed by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) in the Ministry of Health.

This is the policy as it relates to the importation of a controlled substance:

1. The importer should present a letter from his/her medical practitioner in the federation.
2. The import licence issued by the Ministry of Health prior to the prospective and duly qualified import.
3. Based on International Convention the maximum recommended personal allowance is 30 days' supply.
4. In addition to the above, if applicable, the importer would still need to satisfy Customs requirements as it relates to importing (AWB/Bill of Lading, invoices, entry).
5. These drugs should be properly labelled including:
  - (i) The name of the drug
  - (ii) The strength of the drug
  - (iii) The time when it should be taken and for how long

- (iv) Quantity
- (v) Doctor's Name
- (vi) Pharmacy Name and Signature of Pharmacist
- (vii) Patient's name
- (viii) Indicate if there are any refills

Please be informed that the Ministry of Health will not sanction the recurring importation of Controlled Drugs by an individual where such drugs can normally be sourced through a locally licensed pharmacy.

  
Comptroller of Customs (Ag.)

