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IMPORTATION OF CONTROLLED DRUGS

This policy outlines and explains what are Control Drugs, the treatment of Control Drugs and what is expected in respect of Control Drugs being imported into St. Christopher (St. Kitts) and Nevis.

Legislation

Section 3 of the Drugs (Prevention & Abatement of the Misuse and Abuse of Drugs) Act – Chap 9.08 states what a Control Drug is.

Guidelines and General Information

1. The importation of Control Drugs is governed by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) in the Ministry of Health.
2. An Import licence is required **only** for those persons/businesses that operate commercially. This however does not apply to businesses that have already been established.
3. Imports of Control Drugs require a letter from a medical practitioner in the Federation.
4. In relation to #3 above, this letter is valid for a period of 6 months.
5. The maximum recommended personal allowance of a control drug is 90 days supply. However travellers to St. Kitts and Nevis importing control drugs as baggage, will only be allowed a quantity not exceeding the duration of their stay.

Procedures for the Importation of Control Drugs

6. The importer presents his documentation along with identification to the Customs Officer at the Customs Office where the goods have been imported.

7. Documentation may include some or all of the following:

- Customs Declaration or Entry Form C100
- Invoice(s)
- Air waybill or Bill of Lading
- Letter from Medical Practitioner

8. After documents have been examined and verified for authenticity, the goods will be inspected and the applicable duty and taxes assessed and collected. Goods are then released to the Importer or his agent.

9. These drugs should be properly labelled including:

- The name of the Drug
- The strength of the Drug
- The time when it should be taken and for how long
- Quantity
- Patient's name
- Pharmacy name and signature of pharmacist
- Doctor's name
- Indicate if there are any refills

10. The Customs Department will keep a copy of the letter issued by the Medical Practitioner in St. Kitts and Nevis.

11. The Customer must ensure that he/she always retain the original letter from the Medical Practitioner.

Additional Information

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