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### **Circular**

***The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar (Consular Affairs Department) presents its compliments to all esteemed Diplomatic Missions accredited to the State of Qatar.***

*With reference to the Ministry's Note (circular) No. 29238 dated 18/04/2016 regarding procedures and regulations related to release medicines containing either drugs or psychotropic substance.*

*The Ministry would like to enclose herewith for the esteemed Missions procedures regarding release of medicines containing either drugs or psychotropic substance, carried by patients coming to the State of Qatar or departing from here for their personal use.*

***The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the esteemed Diplomatic Missions the assurances of its highest consideration.***

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## Ministry of the Public Health

### Regulations related to release medicines containing drugs or dangerous psychotropic substance personal use

**i. Medicines containing drugs or dangerous psychotropic substance, carried by patients coming to Qatar:**

1. It is prohibited to carry medicines and substances which are banned internationally and locally.
2. It is prohibited to carry medicines mentioned in the list (a) and list (b) of law No. (9) of 1987 regarding anti-drugs and dangerous psychotropic substances.
3. In order to carry such medicines and application is to be submitted to Pharmacy and Drug Control Department in the Ministry of Public Health.
4. To enclose detailed medical report attested by the hospital that treated the patient. The Medical report should not be older that six months, and should contain the following:
  - Full name, age and address of the patient
  - Name, address and phone number of the treating physician
  - Date of submitting the prescription of report
  - Medical diagnosis
  - Treatment plan and duration
  - Medical recommendations
  - Scientific name of the medicines, pharmaceutical form, scheduled doses and required quantity
  - Clear stamp of the treating establishment on the medical report or medical prescription



- As a condition, the medical report or medical prescription should be on the head-paper of the treating establishment that the patient belongs to, specifying clear address and information contact.
5. To pledge that only patient will use the medicine and will use on his responsibility.
  6. To attach copy of the passport of the patient
  7. It is required that the anti-drugs and dangerous psychotropic substances to be in their original boxes
  8. Approval can be granted to carry a quantity of the anti-drugs and dangerous psychotropic substances for a maximum period of ten days or for the duration of stay if the patient in the State of Qatar, whatever is less, subject to validity of the medicines.
  9. Approval can be granted to carry a quantity of the medicines, containing psychotropic substances, for a maximum period of two months, subject to validity of the medicines.
  10. If the medicines are not carried by the patient, but carried by one of his relatives (father, mother, brother/sister, husband, wife), it is required to provide with copy of his identity document. However, if the medicines are carried by a delegated person, it is required to enclose the authorization letter from the patient and copy his identity document.
  11. In case the medicines quantity, which was granted approval to be carried, exceeded the need of the patient, the remaining quantity will be destroyed by the Pharmacy and Drug Control Department in the Ministry of Public Health.
- ii. **Medicines containing drugs or dangerous psychotropic substance, carried by patients departing from Qatar:**



1. It is prohibited to carry medicines and substances which are banned internationally and locally.
2. Exit is prohibited for medicines mentioned in the list (a) and list (b) of the first table and substances included in table No. (2) of law No. (9) of 1987 regarding anti-drugs and dangerous psychotropic substances.
3. It is required to issue permission from the Pharmacy and Drug Control Department so that patient can carry medicines containing drugs or dangerous psychotropic substance during departure from the State of Qatar.
4. The Patient departing from the State of Qatar should hold a detailed medical report or medical prescription attested by the establishment where the patient was treated inside the Sate, and the same conditions included in the Paragraph (4) regarding regulations on Medicines containing drugs or dangerous psychotropic substance, carried by patients coming to the State of Qatar, are applicable.

**iii. Medicines containing drugs or dangerous psychotropic substance, carried by only Missions and official governmental entities to be used by patient belonging to the Mission:**

1. The Missions have to submit an application to the Pharmacy and Drug Control Department in the Ministry of Public Health, specifying the name of head of the Mission or name of the custodian of the drugs. If not so, the Mission's accompanying physician would be the custodian of the medicines.
2. The application should be enclosed with details of the required medicines attested by the competent health authority in the country of the Mission, including scientific name of the drugs or dangerous psychotropic substance, pharmaceutical form, doses, volume and required quantity; provided that importation of those medicines should only be through air transportation.

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3. To pledge that the use of those medicines is to be only limited to members of the Mission on their responsibility, and not to be sold or utilized for any other purposes. The excess should be carried back by the Mission during departure, and submit details about the medicines use, reason of use, excess of medicines as well as destroyed ones to the Pharmacy and Drug Control Department in the Ministry of Public Health, before departure of the Mission.

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