

# Importation of Medications and Medical Devices

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## 1. Importation of Medications and Medical Devices for Team Use

Medications and medical devices may be brought into Singapore by the official Team medical professionals (e.g. team doctor) for the purpose of treatment of team members of their own National Federations participating in the World Aquatics Championships, Singapore 2025, without the need for approval from Health Sciences Authority when the following conditions are met.

### Import and supply

Medications and medical devices should be brought in by carry-on or check in luggage only.

To facilitate customs checking, the Team medical professionals are advised to pack these medications and medical devices separately from their personal items. All products should be kept in their original packaging and clearly labelled prior to entry to Singapore.

The medical professionals importing these medications and medical devices must:

- Be importing the products for the **use and treatment of members within their own team only**. Supply to a person who is not a member of the same team is strictly not permitted.
- Maintain a record of all imported products, **including the product names and quantities imported and supplied** in Singapore. This record must be made available to the Health Sciences Authority, Singapore, upon request.
- Ensure all products are **securely stored for safekeeping**.

Medications and medical devices must be imported under the following conditions:

### 1.1 Permitted quantity

The quantity imported must not exceed what is required to treat all members of the same team for **up to one month**, based on the manufacturer's recommended dosage or usage instructions.

### 1.2 Controlled drugs

The import of medications or medical devices containing **controlled drugs** such as but not limited to the following is **not allowed**:

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Controlled Drugs	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Morphine</li><li>• Fentanyl</li><li>• Oxycodone</li><li>• Buprenorphine</li><li>• Ketamine</li><li>• Amphetamine / Dexamphetamine</li><li>• Methamphetamine</li><li>• Lisdexamphetamine</li><li>• Methylphenidate</li></ul>
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### 1.3 Prohibited substances

Prohibited substances such as chewing gums, cannabis and products containing cannabis extracts/derivatives are **not allowed** to be brought into Singapore.

For list of banned drugs in Singapore, please refer to this <https://www.cnb.gov.sg/drug-information/drugs-and-inhalants>.

- 1.4 Any unused or expired medications and medical devices must be exported/taken out of Singapore by 2 September 2025, or at any earlier time when the medical professional leaves Singapore.

Do note Singapore has a strong stance against illicit drugs use, abuse or trafficking.

A valid Therapeutic Use Exemption does not provide any exemption from the Singapore Laws regarding the importation of medications or substances.

For clarification on the importation of medications and medical devices for team use, please contact the Health Sciences Authority, Singapore at [HSA\\_Group\\_Import@hsa.gov.sg](mailto:HSA_Group_Import@hsa.gov.sg).

## 2. Importation of Medications and Medical Devices for Personal Use

### 2.1 Personal Medications

Athletes and any accredited participant representing the National Federations may bring in common medications for personal use such as those for treatment of diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure and contraception. You may bring up to three months' supply of these personal medications (except medications listed in the table below) without additional paperwork.

To ensure a smooth entry:

- Keep medications in their original packaging with the dispensed pharmacy labels
- Carry a copy of your medical prescription or doctor's letter as proof that the medication is for your personal use only

Medications	Situations that require approval from the Health Sciences Authority, Singapore
Codeine or Dextromethorphan	<p>The following requires approval:</p> <p><u>For tablets or capsules:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 20 tablets or capsules OR</li> <li>• Codeine or dextromethorphan content in each tablet or capsule is more than 30mg.</li> </ul> <p><u>For oral liquid preparation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 240ml of the oral liquid preparation OR</li> <li>• Codeine or dextromethorphan content in each 5ml of the preparation is more than 15mg.</li> </ul>
Controlled Drugs	<p>Medications that contain controlled drugs require an approval. Examples of controlled drugs include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morphine</li> <li>• Fentanyl</li> <li>• Oxycodone</li> <li>• Buprenorphine</li> <li>• Ketamine</li> <li>• Amphetamine / Dexamphetamine</li> <li>• Methamphetamine</li> <li>• Lisdexamphetamine</li> <li>• Methylphenidate</li> </ul>
Ephedrine or Pseudoephedrine	<p>Medications that contain total ephedrine or pseudoephedrine content of more than 21.6g.</p>
Psychotropic Substances	<p>Medications that contain psychotropic substances require approval. Examples of psychotropic substances include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diazepam</li> <li>• Midazolam</li> <li>• Zolpidem</li> </ul>

To check the active ingredients in your medications to find out whether you need to apply for an approval, you can refer to <https://www.hsa.gov.sg/personal-medication/check-requirements>.

You are not allowed to bring in personal medications that contain prohibited substances such as chewing gums, cannabis and products containing cannabis extracts/derivatives.

For list of banned drugs in Singapore, please refer to this <https://www.cnb.gov.sg/drug-information/drugs-and-inhalants>.

Do note Singapore has a strong stance against illicit drugs use, abuse or trafficking.

A valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) does not provide any exemption from the Singapore Laws regarding the importation of medications or substances

For more details, please refer to <https://www.hsa.gov.sg/personal-medication/overview>.

## 2.2 Personal Medical Devices

You will need to apply for an approval from the Health Sciences Authority, Singapore before bringing a medical device into Singapore for personal use.

This **does not include** devices which are **already in use** when you arrive, such as implanted devices or those already in contact with your skin or eyes. Each approval allows you to import a **maximum quantity of 3 months' supply**.

Do note that imports exceeding 3 months' supply of devices will be rejected.

Individuals who need to import medical devices prescribed by their attending doctor or dentist for their personal use are required to produce a letter from their attending doctor or dentist confirming and justifying such need.

You are not allowed to bring in the following medical devices through personal import:

- HIV testkits.
- Radiation emitting medical devices (e.g. X-rays, lasers, ultrasound) that are potentially hazardous in nature and/or intended for use by trained medical personnel.
- Medical devices to be administered by a qualified practitioner.
- Multiple shipments of the same medical devices within 3 months, or information related to the import that may indicate that the supply is not intended for personal use.

For more details, please refer to <https://www.hsa.gov.sg/medical-devices/personal-import>.