



Dear Participants,

You will find below the information related to the Medical Importation Procedure.

1. FOR TEAMS

Team physicians should carry with them a list of all medications they are bringing into Qatar for use with athletes / delegations.

- ▶ All medications should be cleared at customs.

The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) has a pharmacist at the airport to facilitate medication clearance at customs.

This list of all medications to be brought into Qatar should be submitted by the teams no later than **1st December 2023** and send it to:

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Head of Drug Release Section (Specialist Pharmacist)

Pharmacy and Drug Control Department

Ministry of Public Health

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Please prepare a list as follows. (a spreadsheet template is attached).

Brand Name	Pharmacological Name/ Active Ingredient	Format (tablet, ampoule, cream, etc.)	Strength	Packaging	Quantity
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Importation of medications fall under the supervision of Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), Pharmacy and Drug Control Department. Rules of importation of medications depend on the nature of the medications (regular or controlled) and on whether they are for the Teams/Group or Individuals that will participate in the World Aquatics Championships.

Medical equipment (except for x-ray equipment) and medical stuff other than medications imported by the national Teams will not require MOPH approval (subjected to approval by customs authority's declaration process). Please consult the Doha 2024 Customs and Freight Guide.



1.1 Medications Importation for National Federations/Delegations

In case Team Physicians wish to bring their own medications to provide medical treatment to their athletes and personnel during the World Aquatics Championships Doha 2024, an advance approval from the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) shall be obtained.

To obtain the MOPH approval, Team Physicians needs to fill in the Medication Importation List (*see attached the template PDCD*) and send it to the contact point addressed above. The Medication Importation List must be typed (no handwritten forms are accepted) in English and shall contain brand names, active ingredients, dosage, format, and quantities. The column “H” in grey is for MOPH use only.

All medications shall be declared including regular medications such as paracetamol, ibuprofen, etc.

Medical supplements (vitamins, minerals, amino acids, etc.) and any types of self-tests (COVID tests, etc.) need to be included on the Medication Importation List as well.

MOPH will issue an Import permit for narcotic or psychotropic medications.

The MOPH will review the information and will mark medications as “Allowed”, “Certificate to be issued” or “Rejected” and will send the reviewed list in the PDF format by the email specified in the medication importation List. Rejected medications are prohibited from being imported into Qatar and need to be excluded from the shipment. “Certified” status means the MOPH permits to import narcotic or psychotropic medications, no separate exemption certificates will be required for this type of medications.

Upon arrival in Qatar, the Medication Importation List may be checked against the actual medications being imported. To expedite this process, the Teams Physicians are required to keep all their medication in one container.

The Team Physicians remain the responsible for the stock of medications that they bring into Qatar for the duration of their stay. Medications must be kept in their original packaging until used and must be clearly labelled. Medications should only be used to treat their athletes, personnel or their officials and may not be supplied to anyone outside this team.



The Team Physicians needs to keep a record of all medications used and note any unused quantities in the last column “J” of the medication importation list to report upon re-exportation.

1.2 Personal Medications for Teams and Delegations Members

It is possible for the team physicians to include in one List of medications the personal medications of their members (athletes, support personnel, officials). Otherwise, each delegation members will be required to go through the conditions required for personal medications (see Section 2).

It should be noted that the MOPH will allow the teams to apply for a complementary list for approval if needed.

Note: As per Qatar Laws, please note that team physicians attempting to import medications without MOPH approvals and appropriate import certificates (if required), may have get their items confiscated at Customs. MOPH, LOC and World Aquatics will not be held responsible in any cases where approvals have not been obtained.

2. FOR INDIVIDUALS

2.1 Regular Personal Medications

Individuals are allowed to bring their regular medications (enough for maximum of 60 days) without any restrictions and without MOPH pre-approvals, passing through the **Green Channel**.

Declaration is not required for regular medication, but you should be aware about the items prohibited from entering Qatar & Control Drugs (see # 2.2) requiring declaration to customs office and specific conditions to fulfil.

Please refer to the document titled “*Controls and Regulations for the release of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, and psychoactive drugs in the possession of the patients arriving in or departing the State of Qatar for personal use*”.



If you are carrying prescription medications into Qatar, please make sure you carry all medications in their original packaging and bring a copy of your prescription and an official letter signed and stamped by your doctor stating the type of medication and why it's required.

- ▶ For any question or any doubt, please contact : Saad.Saeed@aspetar.com

2.2 Controlled Personal Medications

- Narcotic and psychotropic medications for own consumption require a doctor's prescription and/or medical report. Individuals are required to pass through the **Red Channel** at the port of arrival and inform Customs Officer about such medications. In case a valid doctor's prescription and/or medical report is not available, medications will be confiscated at the port of arrival.
- The doctor's prescription and/or medical report need to be in English or in Arabic and shall not be older than 6 months as for the time of arrival. Please refer to the document titled "Controls and Regulations for the release of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, and psychoactive drugs in the possession of the patients arriving in or departing the State of Qatar for personal use".

Annexes

- Qatar Controls and Regulations for the release of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, and psychoactive drugs (PDF Format)
- Declaration PDCD Drug Release Format (XLSX Format)

References

<https://www.moph.gov.qa/english/Pages/default.aspx>

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