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**SAUDI FOOD & DRUG AUTHORITY GUIDELINES ON CLEARANCE PERMITS
FOR CONTROLLED DRUGS FOR TRAVELERS**

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA), on 14 August 2025, published guidelines on the procedures for securing a clearance permit for controlled drugs containing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances carried by travelers entering or departing from Saudi Arabia.

According to the SFDA, all information related to controlled drug permits is available through its Controlled Drugs System (CDS) at [<https://cds.sfda.gov.sa>]. Travelers may apply directly through the CDS platform by:

1. Creating a personal account;
2. Submitting an electronic clearance permit request with the patient's details and trip information; and
3. Uploading supporting documents like a prescription, medical report, and proof of identity.

Travelers may also add multiple medications by providing complete details, including the trade name, active ingredient, drug concentration, and quantity or pack size, together with documents substantiating the medical need, whether for the traveler or another patient. Travelers can also track the status of the application, which is classified as "Submitted," "Completed," "Rejected," or "Incomplete."

For a step-by-step guide on obtaining a clearance permit for controlled drugs, travelers may refer to the **User Manual for the Traveler Clearance Permit of Controlled Drugs**, available on the SFDA website [<https://www.sfda.gov.sa/en/regulations/4271273>].

For the information and guidance of all concerned.



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Before You Travel Get a Clearance Permit for Controlled Drugs

Steps to Obtain a Permit:

01

Create an account on the Controlled Drugs System (CDS) and fill out your information

02

Select "Clearance Request" and specify whether the medication is for you or another patient

03

Enter your flight details (arrival and/or departure)

04

Upload the required documents: a photo of the medication, traveler/patient ID, a prescription or medical report, and any additional proof if needed

05

Provide medication details: trade name, active ingredient, drug concentration, dosage form, and quantity/pack size

06

Agree to the terms and conditions, and then submit the application

07

Track your application's status: Submitted, Completed, Rejected, or Incomplete

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Print your permit once the application is Completed

User Manual for the
Traveler Clearance Permit
of Controlled Drugs



Controlled
Drugs System
(CDS)

