

MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

NATIONAL MEDICINE POLICY

DRUG DONATIONS

SELECTION AND PROCUREMENT

1. All drug donations must be based on an expressed need and be relevant to the disease pattern in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Receiving or sponsoring agencies should communicate their specific request to the Ministry of Health through the Manager of the CMS and to potential donor agencies. Drugs must not be sent without the written prior consent of the recipient.
2. All donated drugs or their generic equivalents must be approved for use in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and should therefore appear on the (National List of Approved Drugs). In the case of there being particular need for a drug not on the list, such need must be certified by a physician. The procedure permitted by the relevant Authority will then be followed to permit the entry of the drug into Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
3. The presentation, strength and formulation of donated drugs must match as far as possible, those in use in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
4. All donated drugs must be obtained from a reliable source and must comply with quality standards in both donor and recipient countries. The WHO Certification Scheme on the Quality of Pharmaceutical Products Moving in International Commerce must be used.
5. Drugs issued to patients and then returned to a pharmacy or elsewhere, or drugs provided as free samples to health professionals must not be accepted as donations.
6. All donated drugs must have a remaining shelf-life of at least one year, after arrival in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
7. All packages and containers must be labeled in English. The label on each individual container must carry, as a minimum, the International Nonproprietary Name (INN, or generic name), batch number, dosage form, strength, quantity in the container, storage conditions, expiry date and name of manufacturer.
8. As far as possible, donated drugs should be presented in larger quantity units and hospital packs.

9. All drug donations must be packed in accordance with international shipping regulations and be accompanied by a detailed packing list which specifies the content of each numbered carton by INN, dosage form, quantity, batch number, expiry date, volume and any special storage conditions. Drugs must not be packed in the same carton with other products/supplies.
10. Recipients must be informed of all donations being considered so that necessary inputs are made, when the shipments are being prepared and when they are being dispatched.
11. Donated products should be accompanied by complete documentation including a gift certificate to facilitate prompt clearance at the port of entry.

STORAGE

12. On arrival in SVG, all donated drugs are to be stored in accordance with the conditions set out in the relevant laws and manufacturer's guidelines and be subject to inspection by the Drug Inspectorate of the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment. The CMS will create an inventory of the donated goods.

DISTRIBUTION

12. All donated drugs shall be issued in accordance with the laws of the state
13. No donated drugs shall be used for any purpose other than that for which they were intended.