



**MINISTRY OF HEALTH,  
WELLNESS AND THE  
ENVIRONMENT**

**Ministerial Building, Kingstown,  
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**FAQS: TRAVELING TO ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES  
WITH PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

1. Is there a listing of “Narcotic drugs” which are allowed (with a prescription) for travelers to bring for medical use? If yes, please provide a list.

**Yes. In St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) control is exercised over the full list of 141 internationally controlled natural and synthetic narcotic drugs under the 1961 Convention including new additions up to 2022.**

2. Is there a listing of “Psychotropic Substances” which are allowed (with a prescription) for travelers to bring or import for medical use? If yes, please provide a list.

**Yes, the full list of psychotropic substances in Schedules I, II, III and IV of the INCB’s Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, is recognized and adopted in SVG.**

3. Is there a listing of drugs which are not allowed to be imported with or without a prescription to bring for medical use? If yes, please provide a list.

**There are currently no restrictions for approved drugs.**

4. What are the proper procedures to follow in order to be given approval by the authorities to bring in “Narcotics Drugs” (e.g. Opioid pain medicine) for medical use?

**Each Narcotic drug requires a special import drug license, issued by the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment (MOHWE) which includes the honouring our commitment as signatories to Narcotic and Psychotropic drug related conventions signed between nations and the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), including SVG.**

**Also, special permission has been granted to the Medicinal Cannabis Authority which will be responsible for issuing licenses for Medicinal Cannabis access, allowing medical doctors to prescribe and pharmacist to dispense Medicinal Cannabis.**

5. What are the proper procedures to follow in order to be given approval by the authorities to bring in “Psychoactive Substances” (e.g. Benzodiazepines for the treatment of insomnia) for medical use?

**Each Psychoactive substance coming into SVG requires a special import drug licence, issued by the MOHWE. However, different countries have implemented varying polices on this issue. Hence, the traveler needs to obtain such information from the relevant national authority in the country to which they are traveling.**

6. What are the proper procedures to follow in order to be given approval by the authorities to bring in personal prescription drugs for medical use?

**The policy of the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines is that pre-approval must be granted for Narcotics and Psychotropic drugs to be imported for personal medical use. The process includes a request made on the traveler’s behalf by his physician, directly to the Chief Medical Officer in the MOHWE, with all the necessary information for usage. Once approval is granted, the traveler will be furnished with proof of permission to transport prescription drugs and for the declaration process, at the relevant traveling check points.**

For regular prescription drugs:

- **A letter from the physician stating the name of the patient and the treatment prescribed;**
- **A copy of the prescription indicating the name, strength and quantity of the drugs for the duration of the stay;**
- **Flight details (dates and times of arrival and departure);**
- **The address and contact details of the patient while in St. Vincent and the Grenadines; and**
- **The contact details of the physician who will be managing further treatment of the patient while in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, if applicable.**

7. What are the proper procedures to follow in order to be given approval by the authorities to exit/depart the country with personal prescription drugs for medical use?

**Travelers who wish to depart SVG with personal prescription drugs must gain pre-approval from the country to which they are travelling, to ensure that the necessary requirements are complied with.**

8. Can these procedures be completed in advance of travelers' arrival or departure? For arrival into SVG,

**Yes. However, all pharmaceutical items must be declared at Customs upon arrival.**

9. Is there an official website or publicly accessible document which outlines the entire procedure regarding the prescription, medical certificate application forms and the format for such documentation? If not, can the Embassy please be provided with a sample format outlining the entire procedure and the required documents?

**No. Currently the traveler's physician must contact the SVG Pharmacy Council or the MOHWE directly, submitting a formal request for such information.**

10. Which authority is responsible for overseeing the regulation of drugs being imported into the country?

**The Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment under the guidance of the SVG Pharmacy Council.**

11. Are there any additional measures that travelers can take in order to avoid violating the laws of the country?

**Yes, different countries have varying polices on these issues. Hence the traveler will have to seek out such information from the relevant authorities in the country to which they are travelling and ALWAYS declare having pharmaceuticals in their possession on their customs declaration forms.**

**However, all queries and concerns can be lodged at the MOHWE, where the Chief Medical Officer, the Drug Inspector and the Pharmacy Council will provide guidance. The Government Pharmaceutical Service and the SVG Pharmacy Council under the direct supervision of the MOHWE are responsible for the regulation of drugs being imported into the country.**

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