

GENERAL INFO: MEDICINES – DANGEROUS DRUGS

- *Medicines*

In the normal course of events, medicines are prohibited if imported by private individuals. But, by way of a concession, immigrants and tourists visiting the Republic may only import a sufficient quantity of medicine to cover one month's personal treatment without restriction providing a letter from a doctor detailing the illness and use of the medicine or a medical prescription is produced.

Should medicines be imported in excess of the concession, tourists are required to obtain the necessary authority to do so from the Department of Health, the Medicines Control Council, Private Bag X828, Pretoria 0001, Tel +27 (0)12 312 0861 or +27 (0)12 312 0255 prior to their departure for South Africa. This does not apply to small amounts of patent medicine, e.g. aspirin, which are carried for own use.

www.doh.gov.za – links – national links: Medicines Control council

- *Dangerous Drugs*

Importation of narcotic and habit-forming drugs in any form is prohibited