



Pharmaceutical Import Permit Guide

This guide outlines the requirements for importation of pharmaceutical products into Seychelles. It is important to note that an import permit is required, as some goods are restricted under the Customs Management (Prohibited & Restricted Goods) Regulations 2023. The guide applies to individual entities, businesses, and Tax Identification Number (TIN) entities. Medicines can only be imported per consignment, with animal and human medicine requiring separate permits.

Briefing Note

- a). The Ministry of Health regulates the Medicine Importation Policy and must approve all applications for pharmaceuticals imports.
- b.) Importers must submit their application for an import permit to the Import and Export Permit Section of the Trade Division, located on the 2nd Floor of Maison Esplanade at Rue De Possession, Victoria. The permit can be obtained electronically.
- c.) An import permit must be obtained before any pharmaceuticals are imported.
- d.) Importers will receive a valid permit for six (6) months, which is renewable only once thereafter.
- e.) Importation of all consignments of pharmaceutical products should be channeled exclusively through the designated ports of entry and will be cleared by the Customs Division in consultation with the inspectorate of the Medicines Regulatory Unit of the Ministry of Health.
- f.) Medicines and their documentation shall not be manipulated while being transported.
- g.) Pharmaceutical Products listed under "Scheduling of Medicines for Health Care Shops" (Annex 1 of this document) may only be imported by licensed pharmacies.



Application Process

(a) Individual Importers

1. Required documents for individual importers include:

- A Valid National Identification Number (NIN) Card
- A letter of justification for the import, addressed to the Head of the Medicine Regulatory Unit of the Ministry of Health.
- A proforma invoice, detailed with:
 - The generic name, the composition and the strength of the pharmaceutical products
 - The pack sizes (quantity per package)
- A valid Prescription; if applicable, not exceeding usage of three (3) months



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(b) Commercial Importers

i. Wholesalers and Retailers

1. Businesses with the below-mentioned can apply for an import permit for pharmaceutical products:

- A valid business registration certificate
- A valid business license, category General Sales List Number

Four (4)

- A valid TIN Certificate

2. Required documents for commercial importers include:

- A proforma invoice, detailed with:
 - The manufacturer's details
 - Medical Product: generic name, composition and strength
 - The pack sizes (quantity per package)

3. Commercial Importers need to ensure that the medicine Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) is in one of the Three National Languages (Creole, French & English) and to ensure the dosage and the strength of each ingredient is available on the packaging, for some specific products



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ii. Pharmacies, Health Care Store and Clinics

1. Pharmacies are the primary importers of pharmaceutical products for retail purposes, as per the conditions of their license.

2. Clinics and hospitals are also one of the primary importers of pharmaceutical products, which are imported in bulk.

3. Required documents for the above-mentioned are:

- A valid business license, for Pharmacies and Health Care Stores;
category Health Services for Clinics
- A Business Registration Certificate
- A valid TIN Certificate
- A proforma invoice, detailed with:
 - The manufacturer's details
 - Medical product: generic name, composition and strength
 - The pack sizes (quantity per package)

4. The medicine Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) should be in one of the Three National Languages (Creole, French & English) to ensure the dosage and the strength of each ingredient is available on the packaging.

5. It should be noted that some medications are restricted for use solely by the Ministry of Health, as indicated in Annex 3.

6. It is to be noted that a separate permit for anti-microbial (anti-biotic) will need to be submitted with the permit application.



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iii. Pet Care Stores and Veterinary Clinics

1. Pet Stores and Veterinary Clinics are also one of the primary importers of pharmaceutical products for retail purposes, as per the conditions of their license.

2. Required documents for the above-mentioned are:

- A valid business license, category General Sales List Number

Four (4) for Pet Stores; as per Annex 2

- A valid business license for Pharmacies; category Professional Services (Veterinary Surgeon)

- A Business Registration Certificate

- A valid TIN Certificate

- A proforma invoice, detailed with:

- The manufacturer's details

- Medical product: generic name, composition and strength

- The pack sizes (quantity per package)

3. The medicine Information Leaflet should be in one of the Three National Languages (Creole, French & English) to ensure the dosage and the strength of each ingredient are available on the packaging.

4. It is to be noted that a separate permit for anti-microbial (anti-biotic) will need to be submitted with the permit application.

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iv. Manufactures

1. Manufacturers are also one of the primary importers of pharmaceutical products, in bulk, for their manufacturing purposes and their other practices, as per the conditions of their license.

2. Required documents for the above-mentioned are:

- A valid business license, category Manufacture

- A Business Registration Certificate

- A valid TIN Certificate

- A proforma invoice, detailed with:

- The manufacturer's details

- Pharmaceutical product: generic name, composition and strength

- The pack sizes (quantity per package)





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Annexe 1: List of Medicines for Healthcare Shops

A

Acetic acid ear drops (GSL)
Alginate indigestion preparations (GSL)
Almond oil (GSL)
Alexitol Sodium tablet 360mg (GSL)
Allantoin 2% & coal tar extract preparation for external use only (GSL)
Aloe Cape; maximum strength 100mg (GSL)
Alluminium hydroxide and dimethicone preparations (GSL)
Alluminium carbonate (basic) (GSL)
Alluminium hydroxide gel & suspension (GSL)
Alluminium hydroxide 500mg tablets (GSL)
Ascorbic acid (GSL)
Arachis oil (GSL)
Antiseptic cream (GSL)
Antiseptic lotion (GSL)
Aqueous cream (GSL)
Arnica preparations for external use (GSL)
Aspartame tabs/powder (GSL)
Aspirin maximum strength 300mg tabs (max 20 tabs) (GSL); 75- 100mg Enteric coated (max. 28 tabs)

B

Benzoyl peroxide preparations maximum strength 10% (GSL)
Benzalkonium chloride (as antiseptic lozenges) (GSL)
Betacarotene up to 6 mg (MD) (GSL)
Bonjela preparations (GSL)
Boric acid 2.5% for external use only (GSL)

C

Caffeine (GSL)
Calamine lotion (GSL)
Calcium chloride (GSL)
Calcium gluconate tablets (GSL)
Calcium lactate tablets (GSL)
Camphor, Capsicum preparations for external use only (GSL)
Camphor, Mehtol, Methyl salicylate, Eucalyptus preparations (as lozenges) (GSL) Castor oil BP (GSL)
Cetomacogol, external use only (GSL)
Ceramics (GSL) Cetostearyl alcohol, external use only (GSL)
Cetrimide, external use only (GSL)
Cetylpyridium chloride mouth & throat preparations (GSL)
Chalk (GSL)
Chamomile (GSL)
Chamomile oil, external use only (GSL)
Charcoal, medicinal (GSL)
Pregnancy testing strips (GSL)
Chlorhexidine acetate antiseptic preparations (GSL)
Chlorhexidine gluconate, external use only (GSL)
Chlorhexidine hydrochloride, (GSL)
Chlorhexidine mouth wash (GSL)
Chlorocresol (bactericide) 0.2% external use only (GSL)
Chlorophenols, if internal maximum strength 1mg or external maximum strength 0.6% (GSL)
Chlorhexidine mouth wash (GSL)
Choline salicylate, if external or internal (teething gel maximum strength 9%) (GSL) Chondrus (GSL)
Cimicifuga (black cohosh) up to 200mg (MD) (GSL)
Cinnamic acid, if external use or internal (pastilles, lozenges, throat tablets maximum strength 500 (GSL)
Cinnamon oil (GSL)
Citric acid (GSL)
Citronella oil, external use only (GSL)
Clove (GSL)
Clove oil (GSL)
Clover (red clover) (GSL)
Coal tar, external use only (GSL)
Coconut oil (GSL)
Cod liver oil as for vitamins A and D (GSL)
Colloidal sulphur, external use only (GSL)
Condoms (GSL)
Copper sulphate, if external equivalent to 4mg elemental copper (MDD) or external maximum strength 1% (GSL)
Coriander oil (GSL)
Menthol cough mixture expectorant (GSL)
Cranesbill (geranium) (GSL)



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D

Dandelion (GSL)
Deep freeze cold gel; pain relief spray (GSL)
Deep heat liniment, rub, spray (GSL)
Dettol preparation for external use. (GSL)
Dextrose (GSL)
Diethylamine salicylate, external use (GSL)
Dimeticone cream (GSL)
Dill oil (GSL)
Disodium edentate, external use (GSL)
Distilled water (GSL)
Docusate liquid (GSL) PT
Domiphen bromide, external use (GSL)

E

Echinacea (GSL)
Emulsifying ointment (GSL)
Ethyl nicotinate, external use only (GSL)
Ethyl salicylate, external use only (GSL)
Eucalyptus oil (GSL)
Eucalyptus oil, methyl salicylate emollient balm (GSL)
Eucerin preparations External use (GSL)

F

Ferric chloride maximum dose not more than 24mg elemental iron (GSL) Ferrous Sulphate maximum dose not more than 24mg elemental iron (GSL) Fir oil (GSL)
Folic acid 0.5mg tabs (GSL)
Fluoride mouth rinse 0.2% for prevention of caries (GSL)

G

Garlic preparations (GSL)
Gentian violet, external use (GSL)
Geranium oil, external use only (GSL)
Ginger preparations (GSL)
Glucose tablets/liquid (GSL)
Glutamic acid hydrochloride (GSL)
Glycerin BP (GSL)
Glycerin suppositories BP (GSL) DT
Glycerol (GSL)
Glycerol Salicylate, external use only (GSL)
Guaifenesin, Methol preparations (as cough mixture) (GSL)
Gripe water (GSL)

H

Halibut –liver oil preparations (GSL)
Honey purified (GSL)
Hydrogen peroxide, external use only (GSL)

I

Ichthammol, external use only (GSL)
Inositol nicotinate tabs (P) Internal maximum strength 0.5% (GSL) Iodine antiseptic preparation, external use only (GSL)
Isopropyl alcohol, external use only (GSL)
Isopropyl palmitate, external use only (GSL)
Ispaghula husk (GSL)

J

Juniper oil (GSL)

K

Kelp (GSL)
Kidney and bladder pills (GSL)



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L

Lanolin BP (GSL)
Lauryl alcohol, ethoxylated, external use only (GSL)
Lavender oil (GSL)
Lecithin, internal use (GSL)
Lemon oil (GSL)
Lime oil (GSL)
Linseed oil, external use only (GSL)
Liquid paraffin emollient bath additive (GSL)
Liquid paraffin emollient cream (GSL)
Liquorice (GSL)

M

Magnesium alginate (GSL)
Magnesium Aluminium Hydroxide preparations (GSL)
Magnesium carbonate mixture (GSL)
Magnesium Trisilicate mixture (GSL)
Malt extract (GSL)
Maltose (GSL)
Melaleuca oil (GSL)
Menthol (GSL)
Menthol preparations, external use only (GSL)
Mepyramine maleate, external use 2% gel 22g tube (GSL)
Methyl salicylate if internal (nasal inhalations except aerosols) or internal (pastilles, lozenges maximum strength 1mg) or external (GSL)
Methylated spirit, external use (GSL)
Methylbenzethonium chloride, external only (GSL)
Methylcellulose (GSL)
Methyl nicotinate (GSL)
Milk of magnesia liquid/tablets (GSL)
Mucilage, external use only (GSL)
Multi vitamin drops (GSL)
Multivitamin preparations and minerals (GSL)
Myrrh tincture PB (GSL)

N

Natural herbs (GSL)
Natural peppermint capsules (GSL)
Nutmeg oil (GSL)

O

Ocuvite eye vitamins tablets (GSL)
Olbas preparations (GSL)
Oleic acid, external use only (GSL)
Olive oil (GSL)
Oral rehydrating salt max. 6 sachets (GSL)
Orchidacea (GSL)

P

Pimento oil (GSL)
Polyethoxyethanol, external use (GSL)
Panthenol caps (GSL)
Panthotenic acid (GSL)
Papain (GSL)
Paracetamol 500mg tabs (pack of 16 with package insert) (GSL);
Paracetamol syrup 120mg/5ml /60-100ml in original pack (GSL) with patient leaflet insert
Paraffin hard, external use (GSL)
Parsley (GSL)
Pectin (GSL)
Peppermint oil preparations (GSL)
Plain emollients (GSL)
Potassium hydroxide, external use (GSL)
Povidone Iodine 4% skin cleanser (GSL)
Pyridoxine tablets (Vit. B6) maximum strength 10mg (GSL)
Propylene glycol, external use only (GSL)
Psyllium (GSL)

Q

Quassia (GSL)



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R

Rennie preparations for heartburn & indigestion except Rennie Due (GSL)
Riboflavine (GSL)
Rosemary Oil (GSL)

S

Sage oil (GSL)
Salicylic acid, if external preparations for medicated pad 0.5%; corn removal plasters; cream, ointment & gel maximum strength 2% (GSL)
Salicylic acid, if internal maximum strength 0.06% antiseptic liquid (GSL)
Savlon preparations (GSL)
Senna leaves (GSL)
Seven seas preparation (GSL)
Simeticone preparations (GSL)
Simple Linctus (GSL)
Sodium carbonate (GSL)
Sodium chloride tabs (GSL)
Sodium citrate (GSL)
Soft soap, external use only (GSL)
Sorbitol (GSL)
Soya oil (GSL)
Soya Milk (GSL)
Starch (GSL)
Strothium dentifrice (GSL)
Sucrose (GSL)
Sudocream preparations (GSL)
Sulphur preparations (as medicated cream, soap, shampoo) (GSL)
Sunflower oil (GSL)

T

Tannic acid, external use (GSL)
Tannic acid, if internal (pastilles, lozenges, throat tablets maximum strength 5mg) (GSL)
Tartaric acid (GSL)
Thiamine hydrochloride maximum strength 10mg (GSL)
Tolnafate 1% preparations (GSL)
Thyme oil (GSL)
Titanium preparations, external use only (GSL)
Triclosan skin disinfectant (GSL)

V

Vitamin B compound (GSL)
Vitamin B-12 tabs (GSL)
Vitamin E preparations for external use only (GSL)

W

Wheat (GSL)
White petroleum jelly (GSL)
Witch hazel distilled BP (GSL)
Wool fat, external use only (GSL)
Wool alcohols, acetylated, external use only (GSL)

X

Xanthan gum (GSL)

Y

Yeast (GSL)

Z

Zinc and castor oil preparations for external use only (GSL)
Zinc carbonate, external use only (GSL)
Zinc citrate trihydrate, if dentifrice external use only (GSL)
Zinc preparation for internal use equivalent to 5mg elemental zinc (GSL)
Zinc stearate, external use (GSL)
Zinc oxide plaster (GSL)
Zinc undecenoate, external use (GSL)



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Annex 2: List of Medicines for Pet Care Shops

A

Acetic acid
Alcohol
Aluminium Hydroxide
Alginate Calcium for dressing
Animalintex – Dressing containing boric acid + tragacath Antiseptic cream
Antiseptic spray
Attapulgate

B

Bismuth subglate
Boric acid for external use only
Benzalkonium chloride for external use

C

Calcium chloride
Calcium gluconate tablets
Calcium lactate tablets
Castor oil BP
Cetrimide, external use only
Chalk
Charcoal, medicinal
Chlorhexidine acetate antiseptic preparations
Chlorhexidine gluconate, external use only
Chlorhexidine hydrochloride,
Chlorocresol (bactericide)0.2% external use only
Chlorophenols,
Citric acid
Colloidal sulphur, external use only
Copper sulphate,

D

Dettol preparation for external use.
Dextrose
Diarrhoea tablets - 32.5mg bismuth carbonate, 65mg catechu powder, 210mg prepared chalk and 16.5mg rhubarb powder
Diama – Herbal supplement
Diazinon for external use
Diethylamine salicylate , external use
Dimeticone
Dill oil
Disodium edentate, external use
Distilled water

E

Eucalyptus oil (GSL))
Elderberry tablets
Ear drops for cats/ dogs – Phenoxyethanol + chlorbutanol

F

Deworming: Febantel tablets – maximum strength 150mg/ tablets (20 tabs per original pack)
Ferric chloride
Ferrous Sulphate
Fir oil
Flea and Tick drops, powder, shampoo spray containing Permetrin
Flea and Tick drops or spray containing Piperonyl butoxide + Pyrethrum extract
25%Flea and Tick Collar for cats and dogs
Folic acid 0.5mg tabs

G

Garlic preparations
Gentian violet,
Ginger preparations
Glucose tablets/liquid
Glutamic acid hydrochloride
Glycine
Glycerin BP
Glycerol



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H

Homovet dressing and swabs
Hydrogen peroxide, external use only

I

Ichthammol, external use only (GSL)
Insecticidal spray –Tethramethim (90%) + Phenothrin + Piperonyl butoxide
Iodine antiseptic preparation, external use only
Isopropyl alcohol, external use only
Isopropyl palmitate, external use only

J

Juniper oil

K

Kelp seaweed tablets
Kidney tablets
Kaolin Poultice paste

L

Lanolin BP
Lauryl alcohol, ethoxylated, external use only
Lecithin, internal use
Levamisole tablets maximum strength 20mg per tablet (max 10 tablets per original pack)
Liquid paraffin emollient cream

M

Magnesium alginate
Magnesium Aluminium Hydroxide preparations
Magnesium carbonate mixture
Magnesium Trisilicate mixture
Malt extract
Maltose
Mebendazole tablets –maximum strength 500mg per tablet (max 10 tablets per original pack)
Methylated spirit, external use
Methylbenzethonium chloride, external only
Methylcellulose
Methyl nicotinate
Mixed Vegetable tablets
Multivitamin preparations and minerals
Myrrh tincture PB

N

Natural herbs
Deworming: Nitroscanate 500mg tabs (max 3 tablets per original pack)

O

Oleic acid, external use only
Olive oil
Oral Rehydrating salt or dispersible tablets
Orchidaceae

P

Polyethoxyethanol, external use
Panthenol caps
Paraffin hard, external use
Parsley
Pectin
Peppermint oil preparations
Phenolthaleine laxative tablets
Deworming: Piperazine tablets – maximum dose per tablet 100mg (maximum 10 tablets per original)
Plain emmollients
Potassium hydroxide, external use
Povidone Iodine
Deworming: Praziquantel tablets – maximum strength 50mg per tablet (max 20 tabs per original pack)
Deworming: Pyrantel tablets – maximum strength 50mg per tablet (max 20 tabs per original pack)
Pyridoxine tablets
Propylene glycol, external use only



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Q

N/A

R

Raspberry leaf tablets
Rosemary Oil

S

Sage oil
Saw Palmetto extract
Savlon preparations
Scullycap and Valerian tablets
Seaweed tablets
Selenium sulphide BP (1%) for external use
Simeticone preparations
Sodium carbonate
Sodium chloride tabs
Sodium citrate
Soft soap, external use only
Sorbitol
Starch
Sucrose
Sulphur preparations (as medicated cream, soap, shampoo)

T

Tartaric acid (GSL)
Thiamine tablet
Triclosan skin disinfectant (GSL)

V

Vitamin E preparations for external use only (GSL)
Vetzyme Flea rid dual action Insecticidal spray - Tethramethim (90%) + Phenothrin + Piperonyl butoxide

W

Wheat
White petroleum jelly
Witch hazel distilled BP
Wool fat, external use only
Wool alcohols, acetylated, external use only

X

Xanthan gum (GSL)

Y

Yeast

Z

Zinc and castor oil preparations for external use only
Zinc carbonate, external use only
Zinc preparation for internal



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Annex 3: List of Medicines declared restricted to the Ministry of Health use only

IMPORTANT

The list is not exhaustive and, in the event of a substance not being listed below, reference should be obtained from Public Health Authority

Antibiotics:

3rd, 4th and 5th generation antibiotics

3rd and 4th generation Fluoroquinolones, e.g. Levofloxacin parenteral only, Moxifloxacin oral and parenteral

3rd, 4th and 5th generation Cephalosprins (oral & parenteral), e.g. Cefixime, Ceftaroline Acyclovir parenteral

All carbapenems

Amikacin

Amphotericine B parenteral

Aztreonam

Clindamycin parenteral

Daptomycin

Fluconazole injection

Fosfomycin parenteral

Linezolid oral and parenteral

Mupirocin Ointment/Cream (Bactroban)

Oxazolidinones (oral/parenteral), e.g. Linezolid

Piperacillin/Tazobactam parenteral

Polymyxins, e.g. polymyxin B, colistin

Teicoplanin preparations

Tigecycline

Vancomycin oral and parenteral





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Controlled Medicines

Restricted to MOH: Tramadol

Need to request controlled medicines Import Certificate from Medicines Regulatory Unit and any supporting document as per requirements from MRU:

Barbiturates

Benzhexol

Benzodiazepines, e.g. Clonazepam, Diazepam,

Midazolam

Codeine

Fentanyl Injection

Morphine

Pregabalin

Zolpidem

Zopiclone

Isotretinoin tablets

Other Restricted Medicines

Buprenorphine

Carbetocin

Carboprost

Dinoprost

Dinoprostone

Ergometrine Injection

Gemeprost

Methylergometrine Injection

Methadone

Mifepristone

Misoprostol

Oxytocin Injection

For any further information or inquiries, please contact the Medicine Regulatory and Public Health Departments at the Ministry of Health, and the Trade Department at the Ministry of Finance, National Planning and Trade.

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