



Process for the importation of Prescribed Medicinal Cannabis

When a patient is seen by a clinic in the UK and a cannabis product has been prescribed by a doctor, the patient is strongly encouraged to advise their local GP. This will ensure that their GP is aware of the medication that the individual will be taking.

- Where a UK practitioner has prescribed a medicinal cannabis product for a Bailiwick resident, they will arrange for the original hard copy of the prescription to be sent to a specialist UK pharmacy who can fulfil and dispense the medication. This will ensure that the product is sourced from suppliers who can demonstrate the products have been produced under Good manufacturing practice (GMP) or the EU equivalent standards.
- The pharmacist will call the person to confirm receipt of the prescription and the person will be asked to pay for their medication (the pharmacist should generate a secure online invoice) following which they should advise the person when it is going to be dispatched and subsequently the tracking information.
- In order for the medication to be dispatched, the person will need a Guernsey Import Licence. The prescribing consultant should email a scanned copy of the person's prescription to publichealth@gov.gg to obtain the import licence.
- When a person receives their Import Licence by email, they should forward it to the pharmacy dispensing their medication as they will need it when they apply for a UK Export Licence. Both Licences, plus a copy of the prescription and invoice/receipt will be included in an envelope on the outside of the couriered package.
- Once the medication arrives into the Bailiwick, the person receiving the medication must make a Customs declaration to the Guernsey Border Agency and will be required to provide a copy of the Import Licence and any other relevant supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pharmacy invoice. Advice on making a Customs declaration can be obtained from the Guernsey Border Agency.
- Following Customs clearance, a person's medication will be delivered to their home address or can be collected by arrangement with the courier's office should the person prefer to do so.
- An alternative would be for the patient to bring the medicinal cannabis back with them from the UK to Guernsey. In these circumstances the importer must declare the medication in accordance with the UK Export requirements and to the Guernsey Border Agency at the time of their arrival and present the relevant Import Licence.