



Narcotics Control Bureau

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- **Saudi Arabia introduces mandatory online clearance for carrying medicines; travellers advised to check restricted drugs list**

Saudi Arabia has introduced an electronic service platform for obtaining prior permission for the clearance of medicines intended for personal use by individuals entering or leaving the Kingdom. Indian travellers are advised to verify the permissibility of medicines they intend to carry and to obtain requisite approvals, wherever applicable, before travel.

In this regard, the General Directorate of Narcotics Control (GDNC), India Country Office, Saudi Arabia, has formally communicated to the Narcotics Control Bureau of India regarding the launch of an electronic service platform by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The platform, accessible at <https://cds.sfda.gov.sa>, has been established for submission of applications and related details to obtain permission for clearance of medicines intended for personal use.

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has been informed that certain medicines that are legally available in India or other countries may be prohibited or subject to restrictions in the Kingdom. It has also been informed that carrying medicines in excess of prescribed limits may also attract regulatory action. As per the advisory, applications for permission are required to be submitted by the concerned individuals or their authorised representatives through the platform. Travellers are also advised to consult the official list of restricted and prohibited medicines issued by the Saudi authorities prior to undertaking travel.

The Narcotics Control Bureau will continue to disseminate relevant advisories received from international counterparts in the interest of public awareness and compliance with international narcotics control regulations.
