

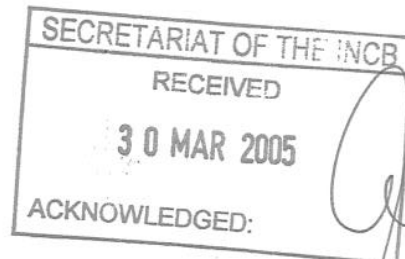


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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: RESPONSE TO LETTER REF E/INCB/PSY/C.L.8/2005

Thank you for the abovementioned letter requesting information on relevant legal and administrative measures adopted to allow travellers leaving/entering the country to carry medical preparations containing controlled substances for personal use. I apologise for not replying to your earlier request for this information however at that time there were no measures in place to deal with this issue. Since September 2004 the *Dangerous Drug Act* and the *Sale of Medicines Act* have been reviewed and the changes will shortly be approved by the Minister of Health. The following is the current information that is planned to be incorporated in the updated *Dangerous Drug Act*:

3. EXEMPTIONS –The following preparations are exempted from the prohibitions imposed by this Act -

Preparations carried into Vanuatu

- (a) for personal use; and
- (b) of reasonable amount; and
- (c) accompanied with a letter from a medical practitioner from the person's country of origin; and
- (d) appropriately labelled with its correct name.

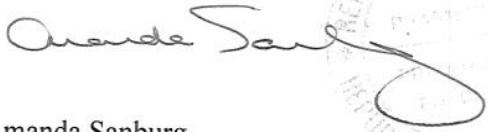
There are no restrictions on what is carried out of the country as usually it is at importation that the problems arise.

I hope this provides a satisfactory response to your query – I will notify you if the details effectively change.

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Yours sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Sanburg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Amanda Sanburg
Principal Pharmacist

cc. Maturine Tari, Dir Planning & Administration
Myriam Abel, Director General of Health
Jane Bani, State Law Office.

