

Appendix 1

Documentation required for travellers entering New Zealand with controlled drugs

Section 8(2)(l) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 provides that a person may, when entering New Zealand, possess up to one month's supply of a controlled drug provided that:

- (a) The controlled drug is imported with the person
- (b) It is required for treating the medical condition of the person or any other person in his or her care or control
- (c) The controlled drug was lawfully supplied to them in the country of origin

It is the responsibility of the person to prove to Customs that the controlled drug has been lawfully supplied to them.

This could be achieved by:

- A valid letter from their medical doctor; or
- Having the drug(s) in the dispensing pharmacy container, the label on which could include the patient's name, name, quantity and strength of the drug(s)