

## **Import of Medications and Medical Equipment**

### **1. Import of Medications and Medical Equipment into the Mainland of China**

The entry of medicine shall comply with the laws and regulations concerning the medicine control in China. Opium, morphia, heroin, marijuana and other narcotics and psychotropic substances are forbidden. Importation is allowed for medical reasons, but subject to the approval of the China Customs.

- Medicine carried by the members of the Olympic family shall be used personally and directly for Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. The remaining part shall be re-exported on time after the Games. The medicine carried in by the delegation as unaccompanied baggage shall be used only by the members of the delegation. The remaining part shall be re-exported on time after the Games
- Medicine used directly for people or animals of Beijing Olympic Games are tax and duty-free items
- Medical equipments and relevant supplies carried by members of Olympic family shall be declared to Customs. Those directly used for Beijing Olympic Games shall be approved to enter temporarily and must be taken out of the territory after the Games
- Medical equipments entering as goods shall be released against deposit or Letter of Bank Guarantee issued together with documents presented by BOCOG. The detailed information about this letter will be provided in the Customs and Freight Manual for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games
- The temporary inward materials for the Beijing Olympic Games, with the approval of district customs, shall be re-exported out of the territory within one year after the date of the first entry. Under special circumstances, an extension may be granted upon the application to and approval from the local customs, but the deadline of re-exported shall not be later than March 2009

NOC delegations remain responsible for the stock of medications they bring to China for the duration of their stay. These medications will not be stored or monitored in any way by BOCOG. They must be kept in their original packaging until used and must be clearly labelled. If athletes carry their own medications, they must also carry the relevant prescriptions. The purpose of these medications is for the treatment of members of the respective NOCs team or other teams where there is a prior agreement and must not be supplied to anyone outside the team.

NOCs will have to comply with the regulations and procedures stipulated in *Customs Clearance Notice for Beijing Olympic Materials* and *Customs and Freight Manual for 2008 Beijing Olympic/Paralympic Games* (August, 2007), and should fill the form requested by the China Customs.

*Customs Clearance Notice for Beijing Olympic Materials* can be found at the China Customs website:

<http://www.customs.gov.cn/YWStaticPage/6885/de09274c.htm>

*Customs and Freight Manual for 2008 Beijing Olympic/Paralympic Games* can be downloaded from BOCOG official website:

<http://en.beijing2008.cn/news/official/bulletin/media/n214144391.shtml>

## **2. Import of Medications and Medical Equipment into the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region**

- Separate procedures will apply in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) regarding the importation and exportation of medications. To streamline the process, NOC delegations are strongly encouraged to import and export the drugs as personal items in their accompanying baggage. Information such as the list of drugs in their generic names, the quantities of the drugs, and the list of the names of potential users (for human drugs) certified by a medical practitioner of the exporting country will be required. Special arrangements will need to be made if drugs are imported/ exported other than in the accompanying baggage of the teams. Guidelines have been issued and details of the procedures are available at the Equestrian Events website at [http://www.equestrian2008.org/eng/guideline\\_e.aspx](http://www.equestrian2008.org/eng/guideline_e.aspx)
- There is no specific legislation restricting the importation and sale of medical instruments and equipment, except for those containing pharmaceutical or radioactive substances, or emitting ionizing radiation.
- For importation, possession and use of radioactive substances and irradiating apparatuses, NOCs will have to meet with the requirements of the relevant regulations of HKSAR. Details about the requirements on importation can be found at the Equestrian Events website at [http://www.equestrian2008.org/eng/guideline\\_e.aspx](http://www.equestrian2008.org/eng/guideline_e.aspx)

All NOCs are to note that the importation, use and/or prescription for athletes without prior acceptance of a TUE or ATUE of any substance prohibited for use in sport according to the 2008 list of prohibited substances and methods are in direct contravention of the World Anti-Doping Code, the IOC Anti-Doping rules applicable to the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, the Olympic Charter and breaches BOCOG Medical Service policies.