

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS CARRYING PRESCRIBED CONTROLLED DRUGS**

With effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 persons travelling abroad (or visitors travelling to the UK) for longer than **three months, or travellers carrying more than three months' supply of medication** will require a personal export or import licence, as appropriate.

A licence is not required by anyone carrying prescribed controlled drugs which fall into Schedule 4 Part II or Schedule 5 to The Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001.

If you require a licence please download the application form from <http://drugs.homeoffice.gov.uk/drugs-laws/licensing/personal/>

**A personal licence has no legal standing outside the UK and is intended to assist travellers passing through UK Customs controls with their prescribed controlled drugs.** Travellers are advised to contact the Embassy/Consulate/High Commission of the country of destination (or any country through which they may be travelling) regarding the local policy on the importation of controlled drugs.

Controlled drugs should be:

- carried in original packaging
- carried in hand luggage (BAA/Airline regulations permitting)
- carried with a valid personal import/export licence (if necessary – see above)
- carried with a letter from the prescribing doctor confirming the carriers name, destination, drug details/amounts, unless a personal licence is held.

Anyone staying outside their home country for longer than three months should register with a doctor in the country they are visiting for the purpose of receiving further prescriptions.

### **Drugs Licensing**