

Overseas anti-doping information services

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority provides information regarding the status of Australian medications and substances. Athletes competing and travelling overseas are advised to take common permitted medications with them e.g. painkillers and cold tablets.

The following is a list of countries that provide information regarding their domestically available medications and substances. Please note that some of these anti-doping authorities may not provide an information service in English.

Athletes travelling in a country that does not provide a local anti-doping information service or who are having difficulty with a local anti-doping information service can call ASADA +61 (0)2 6206 0288 for assistance. Please note, this is not a free call service.

Austria

Austrian Anti-Doping Committee

- +43 (0)1 505 80 35 (International dialling)
- +43 (0)1 505 63 91 (International Fax)

Canada

The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport

Available during office hours. Messages may be left on an answering machine when the office is closed.

- +1 613 521 3340 (International dialling)
- 1800 672 7775 (Call within country)

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Denmark

Danish Doping Committee

- +45 4326 2527 (International dialling)

- 4326 2527 (Call within country)

Finland

Finnish anti-doping Committee Office

- +358 9 3481 2020 (International dialling)
- (09) 3481 2020 (Call within country)
- www.liite.com/5860

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France

Ministere de La Jeunesse et Des Sports

Available between 9am - 6pm Monday to Friday

- +33 1 40 45 94 15 (International dialling)
- (01) 40 45 94 15 (Call within country)

Germany

German Sports Federation

No telephone information line but written requests can be sent to:

German Sports Federation
Anti-Doping Commission
Otto-Fleck-Schneise 12
6000 Frankfurt 71

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Greece

Hellenic Sports Research Institute

- +30 6 686 8216 (International dialling)
- (06) 686 8216 (Call within country)

Hungary

Research Laboratory, National Institute of Sports Medicine

- +36 1 175 3256 or +1 36 1 112 1026 (International dialling)
- (01) 175 3256 (Call within country)

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Italy

Italian Green Line Rome

- (06) 167 101 268 (Call within country)

Netherlands

Netherlands Centre for Doping Affairs (Ne Ce Do)

- +31 10 433 1484 (International dialling)
- (0) 10 433 1484 (Call within country)

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New Zealand

New Zealand Sports Drug Agency

- +64 9521 5706 (International dialling)
- 0800 378 437 (Call within country)

Norway

Confederation of Sports & Norwegian Olympic Committee

- +47 2102 9000 (International dialling)
- (06) 28 94 368 (Call within country)

or

Hormone Laboratory

- +47 2 28 94 368 (International dialling)
- (02) 28 94 368 (Call within country)

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South Africa

South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport

- Available from 9am-1pm, Monday-Friday
- 021 448 3888 (Call within country)
- www.drugfreesport.org.za

Switzerland

24 hour Hotline

- 0900 567 587 (call within country)(gives advice about status of Swiss medication)

Drug Database

- www.dopinginfo.ch
- www.dopinginfo.ch/en/ (direct link to english version of site)

or

Swiss Olympic Anti Doping Commission

- Available from 8am-12pm & 2pm-5pm
- +41 31 359 71 11 (International dialling)
- 031 359 71 11 (Call within country)

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United Kingdom

UK Sport, Drug Information Line

Available 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. Messages can be left on an answering machine after hours.

- +44 (0) 800 528 0004 (Drug Information Line)
- +44 20 7211 5129 (Phone)
- +44 20 7211 5248 (Fax)
- Drug Information Database: www.uk sport.gov.uk/did

United States of America

United States anti-doping Agency

Available 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday. Answering machine facility available after hours or emergency calls put through to a staff member immediately.

- +1 719 785 2000 (International dialling)
- 800 233 0393 (Drug reference line) (Call within country)
- Drug Reference On-Line (DRO): www.usantidoping.org/dro/

The ASADA website <www.asada.gov.au> includes links to other National Anti-Doping Organisations.

Guidelines for athletes and support staff when travelling overseas

Athletes purchasing medications overseas should:

- > check the medication against the latest World Anti-Doping Code Prohibited List
- > check the medication's status in sport with the anti-doping information service of the country they purchase the product in.

When travelling overseas athletes and sports officials must:

- > check with the relevant country's embassy or consulate to confirm the substances contained in medications being carried are permitted in that country
- > carry a doctor's letter outlining the medical condition requiring treatment with these drugs
- > ensure the drugs are in the original manufacturer's packaging or, if a prescription drug, are correctly labelled by the dispensing chemist.

Medications should always be declared and carried in a snap-lock clear plastic bag with a list of the medications, prescriptions, and a letter from a doctor. Keeping all medications together saves opening multiple bags at Customs checkpoints. Team doctors should be present when team medical kits pass through Customs checkpoints.

Athletes and sports officials should declare all drugs and therapeutic substances at each Australian Customs checkpoint <www.customs.gov.au>. Drugs purchased overseas and brought back into Australia may be subject to special restrictions.

Certain drugs (such as growth hormones and steroids) which are subject to import control must have prior written permission from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care <www.health.gov.au/tga> before importation.

Traditional medicines derived from endangered species are illegal.