

DONATED GOODS POLICY FOR PHARMACEUTICALS

Rationale

In order to make optimum use of donated drugs and to ensure receipt of safe, effective and pharmaceuticals of good quality, all member governments should adopt a policy on donated products.

Policy

1. All Donors should first inform governments of the products intended for delivery along with estimated time of arrival prior to despatch.
2. Receiving governments should communicate their specific request to potential donor agencies.
3. Donated products should bear clearly marked expiry dates and possess at least one year shelf-life.
4. A donated product should be a drug which is listed on the official government National Drug Formulary or OECS/PPS Regional Formulary Manual; products should be identical in strength and conform closely to existing package sizes.
5. Donors should supply goods from reputable suppliers who adhere to international standards and good manufacturing practices. In the case of a new supplier, documented evidence certifying quality standards should accompany the goods.
6. Donated products, including package inserts should be labelled in English by their generic names and, where appropriate, cross-referenced by their branded names.
7. Donated products should be accompanied by complete documentation including a gift certificate to facilitate prompt clearance from ports of entry.
8. All products should be shipped in original containers bearing the manufacturer's label. Unused portions of drugs by patients are unacceptable.