

Uzbekistan

Asia



Travel & Possession Not Permitted Under Any Circumstance



Summary

- Both THC and CBD products are classified as illegal narcotics in Uzbekistan. There is no recognized medical cannabis program, and foreign prescriptions are not accepted under local law.
- Criminal penalties are severe: up to 5 years imprisonment for possession of small amounts; trafficking or cultivation can incur up to 10–20 years.

Background

- In 2020, Uzbekistan signed a deal with Maltese company Melabis (through subsidiary UzCanna) to cultivate industrial hemp with THC levels $\leq 0.2\%$ —strictly for export and industrial purposes, not domestic medical use.
- A licensing framework now exists for low-THC industrial hemp cultivation, but it does not legalize medical cannabis, domestic import, or personal use.

Non-Medical Cannabis

- Recreational cannabis is completely prohibited, with no decriminalization.
- Possession: up to 5 years imprisonment; trafficking or production can trigger 5–20 years depending on scale.



Traveling to Uzbekistan with Medical Cannabis

Import & Possession Strictly Prohibited

- There is no legal mechanism for travelers to bring in cannabis-based medications—including CBD or THC, even with a valid prescription.
- Uzbek Customs prohibits narcotics and psychotropic substances unless approved by the Ministry of Health, and cannabis is explicitly banned.
- Travelers must declare any medication; cannabis-derived medicines will be considered prohibited in all cases. There's no provision for medical exceptions.

Steps to Take Before Departure:

1. Do not bring any cannabis-based product—CBD or THC in any form.
2. Only carry legal prescription medications, in original pharmacy-labelled containers.
3. Verify all cosmetics, supplements, or wellness items are cannabinoid-free.
4. Declare any prescription narcotics or psychotropics and carry clinician documentation when applicable.
5. Understand that even small infractions may lead to legal consequences due to zero-tolerance policies.

Practical Tips

- Uzbekistan maintains extremely strict cannabis laws. Medical use or import is not permitted, and CBD is treated identically to THC.
- The industrial hemp cultivation license does not grant domestic medical access, and home cultivation remains strictly prohibited.
- If your medical routine depends on cannabis-based therapy, please plan access in a jurisdiction with a recognized medical cannabis system.
- For uncertain cases (e.g. medications with trace cannabinoids), consult Uzbekistan's Ministry of Health or your embassy before traveling.

The information provided reflects the most current data available; however, as cannabis laws are continually evolving, this content should not be interpreted as legal advice.

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