

## Armenia

Asia



Travel & Possession Not Permitted Under Any Circumstance



### Summary

- Armenia has no legal medical cannabis program, both THC and CBD, are strictly prohibited for medical or recreational use. There is no pathway for travelers to import cannabis-based medications.
- Although industrial hemp (<0.3% THC) is permitted under license for textile and export production, CBD for ingestion or therapeutic use is illegal, even licensed hemp cannot be consumed.
- Possession, cultivation, sale, or import of cannabis (THC or CBD) may result in criminal penalties, fines, imprisonment (e.g. up to 2 months for small personal amounts). Enforcement is inconsistent but strict under law.

### Background

- Armenian law currently criminalizes cannabis in all forms. Attempts to reform or decriminalize medical use have been explicitly rejected by the Ministry of Health.
- In 2021, industrial hemp cultivation was legalized for economic and export purposes. Strict limits apply and ingestion products remain illegal.
- The Criminal Code categorizes cannabis-related offenses with penalties ranging from fines to imprisonment, even for small quantities.

### Non-Medical Cannabis

- Recreational use is illegal with no medical exception.
- Though enforcement varies, cannabis possession, even in small amounts, carries criminal liability, typically 2 months jail or fines.



## Traveling to Armenia with Medical Cannabis

Personal Import is strictly prohibited

- Foreign prescriptions, medical cannabis, or CBD products are not recognized or permitted.
- Any cannabis product carried into the country may lead to seizure, denial of entry, legal penalties, or criminal charges.
- The 2019 Amendments to Armenia's "Law on Medicines" allow licensed import of registered medicines but cannabis is expressly excluded and not registered.

### Steps to Take Before Departure:

1. Do not bring any cannabis-based substance, including CBD, even if prescribed elsewhere.
  2. Carry only legal prescription medications (non-cannabis), in original labelled packaging.
  3. Do not rely on foreign medical cannabis or CBD prescriptions. Armenia has no legal recognition of them.
  4. Cannabis detection may lead to legal action, even in transit or sealed packaging.
  5. Consult your airline and transit-country policies to assure compliance en route.
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### Practical Tips

- Armenia's legal stance is among the world's strictest: no exemptions for medical or personal use.
- Even though industrial hemp cultivation exists, CBD consumption remains excluded from legality.
- Avoid bringing any cannabis-based products to Armenia, legal consequences may follow.
- For medical needs, plan alternate treatment options that comply with Armenian law.

*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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