

SOUTH KOREA / PRECAUTION



BENZOS

DRUG CLASS: Benzodiazepines

COMMON BRANDS: Xanax, Valium, Ativan, Klonopin, Restoril, Librium

RISKS TO TRAVELERS: *Confiscation / Secondary Search & Screening / Fines / Refusal of Entry / Possible Legal Action or Litigation (if not properly declared or lacking required documentation)*

NECESSARY STEPS: Travelers must have a valid medical prescription detailing the duration of the trip and the quantities or doses. Up to 90 days' worth of doses can be brought into South Korea. Additionally, any person who will enter Korea with medicines containing controlled substances should apply for and get a permit from MFDS (Ministry of Food and Drug Safety), regardless of their nationality.

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OPIOIDS

DRUG CLASS: Opioids

COMMON BRANDS: Oxycontin, Percocet, Percodan, Vicodin, Dilaudid, Tramadol, Codene

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CANNABIS

DRUG CLASS: Cannabis

COMMON FORMS: Flower, Oils, Tinctures, Vapes, Pills, Edibles

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NECESSARY STEPS: Travelers may only take cannabis-based medicines if they are on the MFDS-approved list and have obtained prior authorization through the KODC before arrival. Check if the product is approved by the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety of the Republic of Korea (MFDS); Obtain KODC import permission prior to travel. Carry the original prescription, MFDS approval letter, and medication in original packaging. All other cannabis-derived products (including CBD oils, edibles, hemp supplements) are prohibited.

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