



Authorize a Pharmaceutical Company to dispose any Pharmaceutical Products as Medical Waste

About the Service

Request for authorization for pharmaceutical companies to dispose of any expired or unusable pharmaceutical drugs as medical waste to preserve the UAE's environment.

Service Process

- First - Destroying uncontrolled registered drugs imported from local agents: Communicate with Ministry of Health & Prevention inspector to inspect the quantities, match them with the actual stock and get them approved them by the Director of the Medicine Department. The pharmacist in charge of the pharmaceutical establishment shall communicate with the municipality (Health Department) to proceed with destruction and obtain the approval of the municipal employee concerned after paying the prescribed fee. All documents shall be enclosed and certified with the stamp of the Ministry of Health in preparation for delivery of a copy to the parties concerned.
- Second: Destroying controlled drugs, Class A and B, imported from a local agent and distributed to licensed pharmacies in the UAE: The drugs to be destroyed shall be identified by the pharmacist in charge in preparation for their return to the local agent, as follows: - Communicate with the Ministry of Health and Prevention inspector to inspect the quantities, match them with the actual stock and obtain approval from the Director of the Medicine Department. - The pharmacist in charge of the warehouse (the agent) shall submit proof of the retrieval of these drugs and their quantities. - The pharmacist in charge of the pharmaceutical institution shall communicate with the municipality (Health Department) to proceed with destruction and obtain the approval of the municipal employee concerned after payment of the prescribed fee. - All documents shall be enclosed and certified with the seal of the Ministry of Health in preparation for delivery of a copy to the parties concerned. - The pharmacist in charge shall submit a request for the administration of the drug to deduct the quantities from the custody records of the controlled medicines.
- Third: Destruction procedures of narcotic drugs that are supplied to hospitals from the central warehouses of the Ministry of Health, as follows: All expired narcotic drugs are retrieved from the warehouses of the Ministry of Health and Prevention. A special committee shall be formed. Set a date to conduct an inventory of the quantities in warehouses. The quantity shall be destroyed in the UAE incinerator after being counted and approved by the Committee.
- Fourth: Destroying unregistered controlled drugs, Class A and Class B, that are imported from warehouses licensed by the Ministry through a local purchase request from a public or private hospital, as follows: The drugs to be destroyed shall be identified by the pharmacist in charge in preparation for retrieval by the importer to obtain proof. Communicate with the Ministry of Health and Prevention inspector to inspect the quantities, match them with the actual stock and obtain approval by the Director of the Department of Medicine. The pharmacist in charge shall submit a request for the administration of the drug to be deducted from the quantities of controlled medicines in custody records. The pharmacist in charge of the warehouse (the agent) shall submit proof of the retrieval of these drugs and their quantities to the pharmacy. The pharmacist in charge of the pharmaceutical institution shall communicate with the municipality (Health Department) to proceed with the destruction and obtain the approval of the municipal employee concerned after paying the prescribed fee. All documents shall be enclosed and certified with the stamp of the Ministry of Health in preparation for delivery of a copy to the parties concerned.
- Fifth: Destroying narcotic drugs imported from an authorized agent, as follows: In the case of the presence of

expired or invalid narcotic drugs, such drugs shall be identified and listed. A letter should be submitted from the hospital to the Medicine Department requesting the return of these narcotic drugs to the warehouse of the agent with a list of quantities. After approval of the application from the Medicine Department, the drugs should be delivered to the warehouse agent to be signed by the pharmacist in charge of receipt and a copy delivered to the authorised custodian of drugs in the hospital. The pharmacist in charge of the warehouse (agent) shall control and schedule the quantities of expired drugs. Inspectors of the Department of Medicine should be asked to inspect and approve the application in preparation for the destruction of the drugs through one of the medical waste disposal companies approved by the municipality. Following the municipal destruction of the narcotic drugs, a record of proof shall be delivered to both the Ministry's inspectors and the pharmacist in charge of the warehouse. The destroyed quantities shall be deducted from the balance in the custody records of the hospital's pharmacy.

- Sixth: Free Zones: Medicines imported and stored in the free zones of the country for re-export to other countries must be returned to the country of origin for destruction in order to preserve the environment of the United Arab Emirates.

Required Documents

- The drugs to be destroyed must be listed by the pharmacist in charge of the pharmaceutical establishment and included in the relevant form along with the name of the commercial item, unit, quantity, batch number, expiry date and reason for destruction.
- The request is approved by the pharmacist in charge of the pharmaceutical institution.

Conditions & Requirements

1. The standard inventory of narcotic drugs approved by the drug department must be adhered to.
2. An original copy of the drugs disposal form must be kept in the pharmacy and submitted upon request to the Ministry inspector.

Service completion duration

- 1 to 3 working days

Service fees

Service channels

Payment channels

- E- Payment

Target audience

- Pharmacies
- Pharmaceutical warehouses
- Pharmaceutical warehouses for export purposes

Resources

- [Certificate of Medicine Disposed - Available in Arabic](#)
- [Infographic - Authorize a Pharmaceutical Company to dispose of any Pharmaceutical Products as Medical Waste](#)

Department name

Empowerment & Health Compliance

Sector name

Health Regulation

Main service

Regulation of Anesthetic drugs and chemical precursors

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110-46-009-000

Service Classification

Transactional

Sub Service Type

Variation

Service Type

Government to Business

Number of Transactions

599

Sustainable Goals

Good Health And Well-Being