

**DECISION**  
**OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**  
**NO. 278 OF MARCH 16, 1996**  
**ON THE PROCEDURE FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO AND EXPORTATION FROM**  
**THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, VIRULENT**  
**AND POISONOUS SUBSTANCES**  
**(with the Amendments and Additions of April 11, 2003)**

*For the purpose of implementation of this Decision, [Order](#) of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 580 of September 23, 1996 was issued*

For the purposes of ensuring State control over the importation into and exportation from the Russian Federation of narcotic drugs, virulent and poisonous substances, and the fulfilment of the international obligations ensuring from the UN conventions to which the Russian Federation is a party, the Government of the Russian Federation resolves:

To approve the annexed [Regulations](#) on the Procedure for the Importation into and Exportation from the Russian Federation of Narcotic Drugs, Virulent and Poisonous Substances.

Chairman of the Government  
of the Russian Federation

Viktor Chernomyrdin

*[Decision](#) of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 206 of April 8, 2003 amended these Regulations*

*[See the previous text of the Regulations](#)*

**REGULATIONS**  
**ON THE PROCEDURE FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO AND EXPORTATION FROM**  
**THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, VIRULENT**  
**AND POISONOUS SUBSTANCES**  
**(Approved by the [Decision](#) of the Government of the Russian Federation**  
**No. 278 of March 16, 1996)**

*See [Federal Law](#) No. 3-FZ of January 8, 1998 on Narcotic Agents and Psychotropic Substances*

*See the [Rules](#) of Conveyance of Narcotic Drugs or Psychotropic Substances for Medicinal Purposes by Patients Travelling in Transit Through the Territory of the Russian Federation approved by [Decision](#) of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 591 of June 15, 1998*

**1.** The present Regulations shall establish the procedure for the importation into and exportation from the Russian Federation of narcotic drugs, virulent and poisonous substances.

**2.** The importation into and exportation from the Russian Federation of narcotic drugs, virulent and poisonous substances shall be carried out under the licenses issued by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation, according to the nomenclature and within the limits of the quotas established by the Government of the Russian Federation, taking into account the international obligations of the Russian Federation.

*[Nomenclature](#) and [Quotas](#) of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic and Poisonous Substances which are covered by the abovementioned Procedure were approved by [Decision](#) of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 930 of August 3, 1996*

The grounds for issuing a license shall be the certificate (warrant) for the right of importation into and exportation from the Russian Federation of narcotic drugs, virulent and poisonous substances

issued by the Standing Drug Control Committee under the Ministry of Public Health of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) in accordance with the form stipulated by the UN conventions to which the Russian Federation is a party, and the relevant permits of the Ministry of Public Health of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Natural Resources of the Russian Federation.

**3.** To obtain a certificate (warrant) the applicant shall submit to the Committee and the Ministry of Public Health of the Russian Federation the following documents:

- a) a request letter;
- b) a notarially attested copy of the license for the right of conducting the relevant activity in the field of production, purchase, safekeeping and realization of narcotic drugs, virulent and poisonous substances;
- c) an application for the issuance of a certificate in duplicate;
- d) a copy of the supply contract (agreement);
- e) a copy of the commission agreement (where a juridical or natural person as an intermediary acts in the capacity of the applicant);
- f) the request of the relevant public health body confirming the expediency of the importation of narcotic drugs, virulent and poisonous substances (only in the importation);
- g) a written commitment of the applicant to present to the Committee and the territorial body of internal affairs a report on the actual importation into and the exportation from the Russian Federation of narcotic drugs, virulent and poisonous substances;
- h) the permit of the Ministry of Natural Resources of the Russian Federation (in the importation of poisonous substances);

*See [Regulations on the Procedure for the Consideration of the Materials for the Issuance of Permits for the Importation into the Russian Federation of Poisonous Substances and the Substances Included in Tables I and II of the 1988 UN Convention on Combating Illegal Circulation of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances approved by Order of the State Ecology Committee of the Russian Federation No. 11 of January 16, 1997](#)*

- i) the permit of the Ministry of Public Health of the Russian Federation (in the importation/exportation of narcotic drugs and virulent substances);
- j) notarially attested copies of the constituent documents of the exporter (importer).

The Committee and the Ministry of Public Health of the Russian Federation may request any additional documents stipulated by the UN conventions that are necessary for the issuance of the certificate.

**4.** The following shall be submitted to the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation for the drawing up of the license:

- a) the certificate (warrant) for the right of the importation into and exportation from the Russian Federation of narcotic drugs, virulent and poisonous substances;
- b) an application for the issuance of a license in duplicate;
- c) the permit of the Ministry of Public Health of the Russian Federation (in the importation/exportation of narcotic drugs and virulent substances);
- d) the permit of the Ministry of Natural Resources of the Russian Federation (in the importation of poisonous substances);
- e) a copy of the supply contract (agreement);
- f) copies of the constituent documents of the exporter (importer).

**5.** In the case of a violation of the procedure, established by the present Regulations, of the importation into and exportation from the Russian Federation of narcotic drugs, virulent and poisonous substances the persons carrying out the importation (exportation) of the said drugs and substances shall bear responsibility in accordance with the effective legislation.