



## MINISTRY OF HEALTH



Office of the Minister of State  
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### INFORMAL TRANSLATION

#### **CIRCULAR NOTE No. 3/2017/X/MS**

Considering that under the terms and for the purposes of Decree-Law No. 12/2004 of 26 May, which regulates pharmaceutical activities, the Autonomous Service of Medicines and Health Equipment, Public Company (hereinafter SAMES-EP) is the only entity competent to import medicines, narcotics and psychotropic substances;

Bearing in mind that, by Decree-Law No. 18/2015, of 24 June, the Autonomous Service of Medicines and Health Equipment, E.P. becomes a public institute, endowed with legal personality, with administrative and financial autonomy and own assets, under the oversight authority of the Minister of Health;

Also bearing in mind that, as stipulated in article 5 of Decree-Law no. 19/2015, of 1 July, which establishes the extinction of the Autonomous Service of Medicines and Health Equipment, a Public Company, the Autonomous Service of Medicines and Health Equipment (hereinafter SAMES) succeeds SAMES-EP in all its rights and obligations, including contractual positions;

Considering that health professionals may prescribe the use of medicines sold in pharmacies or private health units, duly licensed, as set forth in the Ministry of Health Ministerial Diploma No. 12/2004, of 6 October, on the Classification of Medicines;

Considering the growing need for health professionals to prescribe drugs, narcotics and psychotropic substances in order to combat diseases and epidemics and, consequently, improve the quality of life of the population;

Bearing in mind, moreover, the substantial increase in the activities of private health units in the country, it is necessary to safeguard the strict collaboration between these units and the SAMES with regard to obtaining medicines, narcotics, and psychotropic substances;

Thus, pursuant to article 32 of Decree-Law ne 21/2015 of July 8 that creates the Organic of the Ministry of Health, the following guideline is issued:

1. The Autonomous Service of Medicines and Health Equipment, in its capacity as the only entity with power to import medicines, narcotics and psychotropic substances, must act in close collaboration with the entities that make up the National Health System and with private health units, in order to provide access to the medicines, narcotics and psychotropic substances they need;
2. This Circular Note is immediately brought to the attention of the Autonomous Service of Medicines and Health Equipment.

Be it enforced.

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