



GOOD PRACTICES FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDICINE DONATIONS

SELECTION OF MEDICINES

- 1** Medicine donations (type and quantity) must be based on the needs expressed by the receiving entity, and in accordance with the needs of the recipient country.
- 2** The medicines must be approved in the recipient country for clinical use and must appear in the national list of essential medicines.
- 3** The presentation, dosages and the formulation of donated medicines must be as similar as possible to those used routinely in the recipient country.



QUALITY ASSURANCE AND EXPIRATION DATE

- 4** The medicines must come from a reliable source and comply with quality standards, in both the donor and recipient countries.
- 5** The medicines must not include drugs that have left the pharmaceutical circuit, that is, they have not been prescribed to other patients and later returned (for example, to a chemist), nor given as free samples to health personnel.
- 6** The expiration date of the medicines must be over 15 months.



PRESENTATION, PACKAGING AND LABELLING

- 7** All medicines must be labelled in a language easily understood by health personnel in the receiving country and include the following information:
- International Common Denomination (ICD) or generic name
 - Batch Number
 - Presentation (pill, liquid, etc.) and dosage
 - Name of manufacturer and country of production
 - Quantity
 - Storage Conditions
 - Expiration Date
- 8** Priority shipments should be given to medicines in large-capacity storage containers, or containers for hospital use, while alternatives to glass containers should be sought. The boxes containing medicines must not contain other items.
- 9** The shipment of medicines must comply with international regulations for the transport of goods and must be accompanied by the corresponding export authorisation issued by the Spanish Agency of Medicines and Health Products (AEMPS).

INFORMATION AND MANAGEMENT

- 10** Medicine donations should be planned in conjunction between the donour and the recipient. Medicines must be sent with the consent and knowledge of the entity that receives them.
- 11** It is recommendable to accompany the boxes of medicines and export documentation with a donation letter, issued by the donour entity indicating the destination and value of the medicines.
- 12** The costs of international and local transportation, warehousing, maintenance, customs clearance, storage and handling must be borne by the donator entity, unless otherwise agreed by the receiving entity beforehand.

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