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Government of India
Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
(Office of the Protector General of Emigrants)
(Emigration Section)

1021, Akbar Bhawan,
Chanakyapuri, New Delhi

Dated: the 23 June, 2014

To,
All POEs

Subject: - Points to be considered by Indian Citizens travelling to United Arab Emirates (UAE) for employment.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter No. Abu/CW/203/3/2014 dated 13th March, 2014 (copy enclosed) received from Counselor (Community Welfare), Embassy of India, Abu Dhabi in respect of information for Indian Citizens travelling to UAE and to say that the same should be displayed in POE offices and widely circulated to all stake holders.

This is issued with the approval of Protector General of Emigrants.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

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937, Akbar Bhawan, Chanakyapuri,
New Delhi, dated 15th May, 2014

Office Memorandum

Subject: Points to be considered by Indian Citizens traveling to United Arab Emirates (UAE) for employment.

The undersigned is directed to refer to letter No. Abu/CW/202/3/2014 dated 13th March, 2014 (copy enclosed) received from Counsellor (Community Welfare), Embassy of India, Abu Dhabi in respect of information for Indian Citizens traveling to UAE is forwarded for display in POE offices and wider circulation.

Encl: as above

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Protector General of Emigrants
MOIA
New Delhi
It is to bring to your knowledge that quite a few of Indian workers coming to UAE for employment and carrying certain medicines for their personal use perhaps, are sometimes arrested at the airport by the UAE authorities as these drugs and medicines may be banned in UAE. Therefore, following information is being furnished to the Ministry for its wide publicity among the prospective Indian emigrants desirous of seeking employment in UAE.

1. As certain chemicals and drugs are banned in UAE, it is essential to check and ensure that the medicines which someone is carrying does not contain a banned or restricted substance. List of drugs and medicines banned in UAE are available on the website: www.uaeinteract.com/travel/drug.asp.

If for medical or emergency reasons one needs to carry any medicines, it should be ensured to have a medical prescription from a UAE licenced doctor. If treatment was undertaken outside UAE, one must carry both a doctor's prescription as well as detailed medical report, both of which should be suitably attested.

3. Residents and non-resident patients can bring into the UAE a maximum of 3 month supply of prescription medicine, for their personal use.

4. Psychotropic medicines can be brought by non residents to cover their personal consumption for a maximum of 3 month period.

5. Psychotropic medicines can be brought in by resident in a quantity sufficient for 1 month consumption. However, residents can bring a maximum 3 month supply if the medicine is not available in the UAE provided that they obtain the prior approval of the Drug Control Department.

6. Resident and non-resident patients should not bring narcotic medicines into the country without the prior approval from the Ministry of Health. Each case will be studied and approved. A valid prescription and medical report from the concerned hospital or department will be required.

7. Medicines that arrive in the country via postal courier cannot be released to the patient unless the above requirements are fulfilled.
8. For more information related to restrictions on carrying of medicines, drugs and chemicals into UAE, one must check Dubai Customs website or www.dubai.ac beforehand.

Therefore, it is requested that wide publicity may be given to the above so as to educate the prospective Indian emigrant workers destined for UAE. Parallely, various State Governments and their agencies and all POEs should also be made aware of these guidelines and requested to give them a wide publicity.

This issues with the approval of the Ambassador.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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