

Taking PBS medicine out of the country may be illegal



Did you know it is illegal to take PBS medicine overseas unless it is for your personal use or the use of someone travelling with you? Illegally taking PBS medicine out of the country may result in a fine of up to \$5000 and/or two years imprisonment. Customs may detain any medicine they suspect is being illegally exported. You should carry a letter from your doctor explaining what the medicine is, how much you are taking, and that it is for personal use. Check with the embassy of the country you are visiting to ensure the medicine is legal there, and always leave medicine in its original packaging. HIC will investigate and may seek to prosecute people found to be illegally taking PBS medicine overseas. For more information call HIC's Overseas Drug Diversion enquiry line **1800 500 147** or visit HIC's website www.hic.gov.au