


THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BULLETIN

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This bulletin provides licensed dealers with information on the temporary measures for the movement of controlled substances in flood stricken areas.

Requirements for the movement of controlled substances in flood stricken areas in British Columbia

In an effort to ensure the supply of products containing controlled substances in flood stricken areas, temporary measures are allowed for the movement of these products.

Licensed dealers must keep accurate records of anyone having custody of any narcotic, controlled drug or restricted drug until it is delivered to its final recipient. These measures are required to minimize the risk of diversion of controlled substances to the illegal market. To help address product supply the following may be considered by licensed dealers:

- In cases where it is possible, the courier / transporter verifies the identification of each handler of the product on its journey and that of the consignee at the product's destination (such as a pharmacist).
- The courier / transporter records the name of the consignee in their records, such as a handheld device or paper documentation.
- In cases where this is not possible (for example, commercial flight pilots), a record of the airline, flight number, date and time of departure/arrival should be recorded.

The licensed dealer must keep these documents for a minimum of 2 years to meet the requirements of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* and its regulations

The measures above are effective as of November 19, 2021. As the duration of the flood is unknown at this time, this measure is set to expire on the earliest of the following date:

- December 31, 2021
- The date they are replaced by a new or additional measures; or
- The date upon which these measures are revoked.

If you have any questions, please contact Health Canada's Office of Controlled Substances at compliance-conformite@hc-sc.gc.ca.