

Sample Letter for Customs

Date

Dear Sir or Madam:

A person with _____ (hemophilia or von Willebrand disease, or other inherited bleeding disorder) can control bleeding only with infusion of plasma-derived or recombinant concentrate.

_____ (patient's name), who suffers from _____ (hemophilia von Willebrand disease, or other inherited bleeding disorder), is travelling to _____. It would not be possible for him/her to travel without a supply of concentrates. S/he carries with him/her sufficient units for self-infusion as maintenance therapy and additional amounts in the event of an emergency. S/he also carries the syringes, needles etc., necessary for infusion. _____ prescribed drugs are also being carried for management of _____.

A customs official who inadvertently withholds bottles of plasma-derived or recombinant concentrate and necessary supplies may place _____'s (patient's name) life in jeopardy. For purposes of comparison, it is as if insulin vials were withheld from a person with diabetes.

In anticipation of your cooperation, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Doctor's signature, name, position)