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EXTENDED: Access to Overseas Drugs

A month ago, I told you that access to overseas drugs was likely going away on October 22, requiring a bureaucratic customs process.

With drug access for two million people on the line, and perhaps because of election campaigns, the federal government suddenly extended the deadline to January 2027.

For 25 years, there's been a customs exemption for low-value mail, anything less than $800. President Trump campaigned on letting people buy cheaper drugs from overseas. What happened?

Drugs coming from Canada, India, the UK, Australia, and Turkey will likely never arrive unless the FDA inspector determines the medication treats a serious illness with no good treatment in the U.S. and comes with a doctor's note.

"Rule changes could hinder personal prescription drug imports," Sydney Lupkin, NPR, October 26, 2026: https://www.npr.org/2026/10/26/nx-s1-6002924/rule-changes-could-hinder-personal-prescription-drug-imports

"Americans Are About to Lose Access to Cheap Gray-Market Prescriptions from Canada," Xavier Martinez, The Wall Street Journal, September 22, 2026: https://www.wsj.com/health/healthcare/us-customs-prescription-drugs-canada-71978a47

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