

WHAT CANADIANS ARE SAYING ABOUT DRUG IMPORTATION

Canadian wholesalers refuse to violate Canadian regulations.



“Any program to fulfill demand from the U.S. side of the border would endanger Canadian patients and put us squarely at odds with our federal regulators who oppose programs like this and recently issued new regulations to discourage any interest in selling our drug supply to the U.S.”

– Daniel Chiasson, **Canadian Association for Pharmacy Distribution Management** (January 27, 2021)

Canada does not have enough prescription drugs for U.S.



“It is important to recognize that the Canadian market, while safe and secure, is too small to make a real impact on U.S. drug prices. To put this in perspective, the U.S. consumes 44% of the global prescription drug supply, compared to Canada’s 2%. One U.S. study published in 2019 predicted that if 40% of U.S. prescriptions were filled using Canadian prescription-drug sources, the Canadian drug supply would be exhausted in 118 days.”

– Ariel Delouya, **Consul General of Canada** (January 26, 2021)

Canadians, already suffering from drug shortages, say no to U.S.



“Canada’s drug supply is extremely fragile due to a complicated mix of factors, including manufacturing disruptions and discontinuations. Currently, as reported by Health Canada, more than 2,000 out of approximately 13,000 drugs are in short or no supply. These shortages have proven difficult to mitigate, sometimes with life threatening implications.”

– John Adams, **Best Medicines Coalition** (March 16, 2020)

Canada has no track-and-trace system.



“We can tell Canadians what farm the turkey on their sandwiches was born on more easily than we can tell them the provenance of their medications. Thus, any track-and-trace system applied to medications imported from Canada to the U.S. would only lead back to Canada, and not throughout the Canadian supply chain.”

– Christina Adams, **Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists** (March 3, 2020)

Counterfeit drugs are already a multi-billion-dollar problem in Canada.



“They may contain no active ingredient, harmful ingredients, the wrong drug, the wrong concentration, the wrong dose or drugs past their expiry dates, resulting in reduced treatment effectiveness, unexpected side effects and potentially death.”

– Christine Donaldson and Spencer Tuttle, **HealthPRO Procurement Services** (Canadian group contracting provider for healthcare) (January 6, 2020)



For more information about the dangers of Canadian drug importation, visit our website at [safedr.ug/importation](http://safedr ug/importation)