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Medicinal cannabis – Questions asked by the national parliament of Denmark; ref. 2014122007

Dear Mme Elstrøm,

Thank you for contacting the Finnish Medicines Agency (later Fimea) on the matter of medicinal cannabis. We have been in close cooperation on this matter with your Agency already earlier. To the questions you raised Fimea would like to give the following answers:

1. What kind of cannabis products has been imported?

There is three different herbal cannabis products imported to Finland. The trade names for these are Bedrocan, Bediol and Bedica.

2. In what amount has cannabis been imported?

The annual quotas for cannabis in Finland have been requested from the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB). The estimates for cannabis during the past ten years have been the following (in grams):

Year	Estimate for cannabis
2005	1
2006	1142
2007	602
2008	4050
2009	20047
2010	20050
2011	20050
2012	25000
2013	35000
2014	40255

The imports are primarily the above mentioned products and from the Netherlands. The actual import has increased, however the estimates have never been reached.

3. How are the imported cannabis controlled?

The imported herbal cannabis is for compassionate use and all is for specified patients. The products are dispensed from pharmacy, which only are few. The control is similar than to any other medicinal product containing narcotic substance.

4. For which purpose are the imported cannabis used?

The herbal cannabis is for compassionate use only. The indications accepted have primarily been to reducing spasticity and pain in patients with

multiple sclerosis or other pain conditions in which no other medication has proven to be efficient.

5. Which political decisions has been made in Finland concerning medicinal cannabis and the import from Holland?

There has been no new political decisions. There was minor amendment to the decree given by the Ministry of Social affairs and Health (490/2008) in which it was amended to the article 17 that it is possible to prescribe such narcotics (UN 1961 Convention schedules I and IV) for compassionate use, only.

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