

Dear (insert name of MP),

I am a regular user of CBD products and a supporter of the National 'Seed our Future Campaign.' I am writing to you to ask for your support in protecting the public health and wellbeing of, not just your constituents, but all people of the UK. Full spectrum CBD products derived from hemp (*Cannabis sativa* L.) are used by approx. 6 million UK citizens for a wide range of reasons. They have become that popular, they have superseded the sales of both vitamin C and D combined.

I am appalled to find out that the UK Government and the FSA Novel Foods Regulations (2018) are preventing our access to non-toxic, non-psychoactive, safe, natural herbal supplements which are scientifically proven to benefit overall health and wellbeing via our endo-cannabinoid systems. I would like answers and solutions to the following:

- Why is it that hemp derived products continue to be included within the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and the MDR 2001 when they are completely non-psychoactive, pose no harm to individuals or society and are considered essential to health?
- Following the recent letter from Kit Malthouse (Minister of State for Crime and Policing) to the ACMD, dated 11th January 2021, it seems clear that the Home Office is determined to increase restrictions within the MDR 2001 ending the public's access to natural cannabinoid supplements, destroying an industry and thus denying our human right to health.
- It seems the 1mg rule for schedule 1 drugs when it comes to hemp/cannabis (Regulation 2 of 2001 MDR) is outdated and absurd and this has led to CBD products moving towards isolate based products which do not possess the 'entourage effect' as discovered by Dr Ethan Russo. Following the recent rescheduling of cannabis at the UN vote on December 2nd, are there plans to update the MoDA and carry out a review of all forms of cannabis within the MoDA (last review was 2008) as cannabis no longer sits in the same classification as heroin, cocaine etc...?
- The European Union have increased the allowable THC level in hemp to 0.3%, 1% in both Switzerland and the US and thriving industries exist where CBD (full spectrum products) are available for people to increase health and wellbeing. This is surely a contravention of human rights as per Article 12 of the International Convention on Human Rights (a right to health) and a contravention of competition laws?
- Why is the FSA continuing down the road of 'Novel Foods' applications when there is sufficient evidence of use throughout Europe prior to 1997, there are no cases of harm from ingesting hemp over the past millennia and we are no longer a part of the European Union? It is also important to note that CBD Isolate was initially considered a Novel Food as it was not a natural full botanical extract and following pressure from the Home Office in 2017, Novel Foods moved to include all cannabinoids without any foundation evidence. Hemp flowers and extracts are incorrectly placed in the Novel Foods category as identified by the European Industrial Hemp Association (EIHA) in their recent document: <https://eiha.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/PPFFSCBD01022021-1.pdf>
- Why is the Government intent on restricting access to health giving cannabis-based products, even incarcerating people for looking after their own health using natural resources whilst toxic, cancer causing products are rife within every shop and supermarket throughout the country including, but not limited to: Alcohol and tobacco (the most dangerous drugs on the planet), caffeine, sugar, all food products grown using rock phosphates (radioactive), PFOA's (Teflon) in a number of products including our children's school clothes, over-the-counter pharmaceuticals? Shouldn't the ACMD, FSA and Trading Standards be looking into these highly dangerous products?

- Do you agree that the above mentioned toxic and harmful substances which are commonly misused and abused, being legal and widely available is both contradictory and hypocritical in relation to the pressures and restrictions placed on the hemp industry? **If you do not agree, please explain why?**
- Why do the Home Office continue to prevent farmers from utilising all parts of the plant (European farmers can make as much as 33,000 Euros per hectare just from the flowers) as the removal of such draconian licencing would help to create green industries to support our environment and mitigate climate change?

As my MP and my representative to Government, I implore you to act in the public interest by **acting** to protect the UK's CBD industry by demanding the immediate removal of hemp and hemp-based products (as above) from, MoDA 1971, MDA 2001 and FSA Novel Foods Regulations 2018 to protect the public health and the security of our Nation.

Please read the 'Seed our Future' letter to Kit Malthouse MP and Prof Owen Bowden-Jones, Chair of the ACMD which can be accessed here: <https://www.seedourfuture.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2021/02/Kit-Malthouse-ACMD-letter-04th-Feb-21.pdf>

Please also read the Seed our Future report which can be accessed here: <https://www.seedourfuture.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2020/10/Cannabis-and-the-Law-No-Evidence-No-Crime-MASTER-v1.3.pdf>

I look forward to your response,

(Insert full name and postal address)