



Policy forum

Exploring the hemp regulation status in Europe

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Hemp Club

Competent and Connected
Clusters Unfold the Hemp
Industry Potential for the
European Bioeconomy



CZECHEMP

Hemp regulations

Law on addictive substances - 167/1998

- no licensing for hemp farmers
- Required announcement A4 form send to Custom office
 - grown variety (registered varieties required),
 - field size and places
 - harvested amount of production
- Applied for growers over 100m²
- Same rule applies the poppy cultivation

Since 2013
law for
medical
cannabis

Since 2022 up to 1% limit of THC

- Advantage for farmers to do not stress about THC content

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New psychoactive substances - HHC, THCP etc.



Obstacles

In **transport** (PPL, DPD, DHL) and shipments the word “*Cannabis*” means prohibited goods to take.

Import of legal substances in CZ problematic - missing clear **Custom methodology** covering whole import process

Problematic **advertisement** on social media

Limited access to **online payments**

Cannabis **stigma**

Whats not regulated sold as **goods for collection** without any check and requirements for quality and safety (!!!)



Industry home work

Strong hemp-union lobby on global levels to solve the issue of:

- online payments
- advertisement on social media
- shipment policy of international transport companies

Education of stakeholders

Public promotion of benefits of hemp products

Standards and tracking tools for hemp products and processes in production

Safety data sheets for products placed on the market





Thanks for your attention

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