

Medicinal Cannabis

EUMCA (EU Medicinal Cannabis Association)

Code of Conduct

The EUMCA code of conduct (the “Code”) has been adopted and is to be applied by all its members, if appropriate to their business. Failure to comply with the Code can result in termination or suspension of membership to the EUMCA.

1. EUMCA members will monitor and apply relevant EU and appropriate national rules regarding the advertising and promotion of products and services and, in particular, with reference to current controls on the advertising of unlicensed medicines and those relating to cannabis for medicinal products.
2. EUMCA members will comply with the criteria regarding wholesale practice, in line with current wholesaling guidelines (GDP) and hold a wholesale dealer’s licence. Distribution to pharmacies will be either direct or via wholesalers, meeting the guidelines (GDP) and applicable national regulatory regulation, legislation and jurisdiction in countries they are present in. The members will hold and maintain the necessary regulatory approvals issued by the competent authority of the country or countries in which they operate, including those relating to cannabis for medicinal purposes.
3. EUMCA members agree to comply with all regulations and best practice on quality/release of product and full compliance with EU and relevant national rules and jurisdictions. Packaging shall conform to relevant EU and appropriate national rules and requirements and endeavour to comply with best practice. Where practical, provision should be made on packaging for space for the application of a dispensing label without obliteration of essential patient information.
4. Where requested, EUMCA members will endeavour to prepare and supply specially formulated medicinal cannabis, in accordance with prescriptions from properly qualified prescribers and for the benefit of patients.
5. EUMCA members will maintain an information service for healthcare professionals in compliance with national legislation, where required and/or allowed in the EU.
6. EUMCA Member should establish a mechanism for Pharmacovigilance of their products to assess any concerns relating to the safety of the product in each EU national regulatory authority.
7. Individuals working for EUMCA members that offer professional representation or education to the pharmacy, nursing and medical professions will be appropriately trained and educated and operate to relevant standards in compliance with local compliance regulations.
8. EUMCA members will maintain product liability and other relevant insurance policies. They will also at all times act in the interests of patients and customers with respect to the timely preparation and supply of medicinal cannabis supplies. Products supplied will, where possible, carry unique company and/or product codes on all preparations. EUMCA Members keep healthcare stakeholders properly informed on the availability of their products.
9. EUMCA members will ensure compliance with the latest Pharmacopoeia Monograph requirements or regulatory allowances for medicinal cannabis, where applicable.
10. EUMCA members agree to operate fairly and to honourable business standards to avoid bringing the medicinal cannabis industry into disrepute.