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Terms of reference for the medicinal cannabis reference group

The Danish Medicines Agency shall form a medicinal cannabis reference group on the basis of section 64B of the act [L 44 A] and section 64C of the act [L 44 B]

Following a report on L44, a proposal for the establishment of a reference group for the cultivation of cannabis was introduced. The adopted bills, L 44 A and L 44 B, indicate that the breaking down of the reference group on these two provisions is merely a legislative adjustment resulting from the bill being divided in two. As a result, the considerations given in the report will form the basis for these terms of reference.

Purpose

The reference group is formed with the purpose of giving, for example, authorities, the industry, medical experts and patient representatives an opportunity to convene annually to discuss the pilot programme and the permanent scheme for cultivation, manufacture, etc, and any challenges related thereto.

The group is represented by the various stakeholders of medicinal cannabis, i.e. patients, industry and doctors. The annual meeting provides an opportunity for discussion among the stakeholders.

The reference group is not assigned any tasks under the act and cannot form a quorum with respect to amending the pilot programme or the rules on cultivation, manufacture, etc. of medicinal cannabis.

Composition of the group

As permanent members of the group, a representative of the following organisations and associations is appointed:

Danish Patients

Cannabis Danmark

Medicinsk Cannabis Industri (Industry association for medicinal cannabis)

Dansk Selskab for Klinisk Cannabismedicin (DSKCan) (Danish association of clinical cannabis medicine)

Danish College of General Practitioners (DSAM)

Dansk Selskab for Palliativ Medicin (DSPaM) (Danish association of palliative medicine)

Dansk Selskab for Anæstesiologi og Intensiv Medicin (DASAIM) (*Danish association of anaesthesiology and intensive care medicine*)

Danish Multiple Sclerosis Center (DMSC)

Danish Epilepsy Society (DES)

In addition, authorities overseeing tasks related to medicinal cannabis may participate on an ad hoc basis if contributions from their areas of responsibility are requested on the agenda of the group's annual meeting.

Organisation

Secretariat

The Danish Medicines Agency serves as secretariat for the reference group. The secretariat convenes meetings, prepares agendas for and draws up the minutes of the meetings.

Meetings

One meeting is held every year in general. The Danish Medicines Agency can decide to hold extraordinary meeting.