

- To discuss the current status of cannabis in terms of the Medicines Act
- To discuss the regulatory framework of medicinal cannabis
- To discuss how The Drug Trafficking Act is impacting on the medicinal use of cannabis vis-à-vis the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act 101 of 1965)
- To discuss the issuing of licenses and permits for medicinal cannabis

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As global demand for medicinal cannabis continues to gain traction, many countries are in a rush to take advantage of the opportunities availed by Cannabis. However, despite this changing global dialogue around the use of cannabis for both medicinal and recreational purposes, in South Africa, legal requirements around the production and sale of cannabis for medical use remains onerous.

Cannabis for medicinal use refers to the crude, standardised and quality-assured cannabis plant material that is cultivated, harvested, processed and packaged to be used in the manufacture of pharmaceutical preparations which are required to meet the requisite quality, safety and efficacy standards. The South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) is responsible for regulating all medicines and medical devices in South Africa by ensuring that they meet standards of efficacy, safety and quality. SAHPRA operates in terms of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act 101 of 1965) ("the Medicines Act"), the Regulations issued in terms of that Act, and associated Guidelines. Accordingly, SAHPRA acknowledges and permits that cannabis products, intended for medicinal purposes, may thus be made available in exceptional circumstances, to specific patients under medical supervision.

The cultivation of cannabis for medicinal research purposes has to be strictly controlled as South Africa is a signatory to the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB). It is for this reason that the process to obtain a licence from SAHPRA to cultivate cannabis for medical research purposes is a rigorous one hence the cultivation, production, manufacturing and use of medicinal cannabis products may only occur through a licence issued by SAHPRA and a permit issued by the Department of Health. Applicants can apply to SAHPRA for a licence to cultivate/grow and produce cannabis and cannabis resin, extract and test cannabis, cannabis resin and/or cannabinoids, and to manufacture medicines containing cannabinoids.

However, recent legal developments include the reassigning of Cannabidiol (CBD), which is a component of the Cannabis plant, from Schedule 7 of the Medicines Act (being a highly regulated substance) to Schedule 4 (being substances that can be sold with a prescription).In addition, some CBD products and products with THC levels of less than 0.001% and less than 0.0075% of CBD were excluded from the list altogether. That being said, CBD products which do not fall into the exemption (namely CBD products and products with THC levels of more than 0.001% and more than 0.0075% of CBD), continue to require a prescription by a medical practitioner in order to be sold. The laws around personal use of cannabis have also changed and tend to point to the increasing acceptance to the use of the plant under certain circumstances.

Despite these risks, recent legal developments in South Africa highlight the many opportunities to capitalize on the demand for cannabis products as a way to recover from the impacts of the Covid – 19 pandemic.

Join various stakeholders on this one-day Webinar from academia, government, corporate, farmers to pharmaceutical amongst other stakeholders as we tackle different discussions on the scheduling, manufacturing, processing, packaging, prescribing and legal matters regarding "Medicinal Cannabis". This is a must attend to all those who wish to know about the current status of medicinal cannabis in South Africa and what is happening the world over.

Topics to be discussed (But not limited to)

- Prescribing of medicinal cannabis
- Investigation of the production of cannabis containing medicines
- · Regulatory framework of medicinal cannabis in South Africa
- Recreational use of cannabis
- · Cannabis-containing registered medicines availability
- Medicinal cannabis scheduling
- Marketing and distribution of medicinal cannabis
- Production and import
- Medicinal Cannabis use in disabled people



- Pharmaceutical preparations of cannabis
- · Constitutional Court judgement impact on the Medicines Act
- · Public access to cannabis and cannabis-containing medicinal products
- Medicinal Cannabis and mental health mitigations
- Manufacture and import of processed products containing CBD
- · Traditional medicinal cannabis use in patients
- Differences between marijuana and hemp in medicinal cannabis manufacturing

Target Market (but not limited to)

- Academia
- Advertising professionals
- Agricultural policy makers
- Agriculture
- · Beverage companies
- · Business community
- Business owners (cannabis related products)
- Cannabis sativa growers
- Cannabis users
- Community leaders
- Consultants
- Cooperatives
- CosmeticsCouncilors
- Directors
- DirectorsDoctors
- Drug Rehabilitation Centers
- Entrepreneurs
- Farmer associations
- Farmers
- Fibres
- Funding and Investment
- Government representatives
- Health professionals
- Legal
- Manufacturing
- Medical industry
- Non-Governmental organisations
- Nutrition
- Oil
- Organized labor
- Packaging and Branding
- Pharmaceutical
- Policy makers
- PsychologistsResearchers
- Retail
- Scientists
- Senior practitioners
- Small business
- Textile
- Traditional healers
- Traditional leaders
- Government health agencies
- Departments of Health, Agriculture, Trade and Industry, the Police, the Legislature and Parliament









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