

JOINT STATEMENT



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Positive meeting with the UK Home Office signals change in the cannabis industry for the largest and most diverse representation

On Wednesday 31st March, the British Hemp Alliance, Cannabis Trades Association, Northern Ireland Hemp Association, Scottish Hemp Association and Unyte Hemp met with the Home Office to find workable and industry-centric solutions for regulators, public health, and the UK industry.

We would like to thank the Home Office for their swift response to our call for a meeting. Speaking on behalf of over 1000 hemp and CBD businesses, the largest and most diverse group in the UK, we discussed the various irregularities facing the hemp industry. These include controlled substances naturally present in trace amount in hemp foods, import licenses and farming.

Some of the bullet points from Professor Mike Barnes upcoming white paper, 'UK Medicinal Cannabis and CBD market', were also shared in advance of the pending release.

The Home Office representative acknowledged that the 1 mg issue was not relevant to hemp products, with the exempt definition being intended for research purposes, not for human administration.

Hemp food products have been on the UK market for over 20 years, with trace amounts of controlled substances present, and they agreed that there would be new regulations required to accommodate this growing industry.

We were able to preview the results to date from the "Great British CBD survey 2021". Consumers consistently voted in preference to full-spectrum or whole plant products.

With the requirement of Regulated Product (Novel Food) authorisation, and synthetic cannabinoids entering the food supply for the first time, our proposal for mandatory labelling for classification of contents was well received.

As part of the Home Office review for changes required to law and regulations, including the Misuse of Drugs Act, will see an immediate improvement to the future of the UK hemp and cannabis industry.

We will be submitting our evidence to the ACMD.

[Notes: Consumer Cannabidiol Products – call for evidence](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/commercial-cannabidiol-cbd-products-call-for-evidence>

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Representing over 1000 domestic hemp and CBD businesses in the UK, whose members are from:

