

INDUSTRIAL SUBSTANCES (REQUIREMENTS FOR USE AND CIRCULATION)

SCOPE

Schedule II and III narcotic and psychotropic substances, their derivatives, isomers, structural analogues, active metabolites, esters, ethers and salts (also salts of derivatives, isomers, structural analogues, active metabolites, esters and ethers), as well as precursors and non-scheduled substances, which are controlled in Latvia, but are permitted for industrial use

LATVIAN REGULATIONS

- Cabinet Regulation No. 74, adopted on February 4, 2020 "[Procedures for the Use of Schedule II and III Controlled Narcotic Substances, Psychotropic Substances and Precursors in Industry](#)".
- Chapter VII¹ of the [Law on the Legal Trade of Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances and Medicinal Products, and also Precursors](#)
- Cabinet Regulation No. 367, adopted on June 8, 2021 "[Procedures for Registration and Licensing of Precursor Operators and Precursor Users](#)"
- Cabinet Regulation No. 505, adopted on October 29, 2019 "[Procedures for Circulation of Non-scheduled Substances Controlled in Latvia](#)"

PRIOR AUTHORISATION

In order to receive a permit, licence or registration for the use of substances in industry, a person shall submit a written application to the State Agency of Medicines

CONTACTS

AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULATIONS

Ministry of Health
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MAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR ECONOMIC OPERATORS

Regarding Schedule II and III Substances

- The authorization holder shall keep a record of all operations with the substances in an electronic logbook
- Within 15 days of the end of the quarter, the authorization holder shall submit a quarterly report on the circulation of substances to the State Agency of Medicines electronically using the online form available on the State Agency's of Medicines website
- Persons who purchase, receive, use, store or destroy substances shall develop instructions for all operations with substances in accordance with the specifics of the work
- Upon receipt and transfer of the substance, each consignment shall be accompanied by an invoice indicating the name and quantity of the substance
- Substances are stored in a separate lockable room, in a lockable metal cabinet attached to the wall or floor, or in a safe. A separate room, cabinet or safe shall be equipped with an alarm system which is connected to the centralized security network
- The destruction or transfer of substances for the management of hazardous waste shall be the subject of a destruction act or an acceptance and transfer act, as appropriate

Regarding Precursors

- Precursor operator shall specify the number of the export permit in all relevant customs documents (export and import declarations)
- Precursor operator shall ensure that, when transporting precursors, copies of the export and import permits are attached to the freight and submitted to the customs point
- Precursor operator shall once a quarter, submit information to the State Agency of Medicines regarding its transactions with precursors
- Precursor operator shall issue internal rules of procedure for the trade of precursors specifying therein the person who shall be responsible for the supervision of the trade of precursors

Regarding Non-scheduled Substances

- State Agency of Medicines maintains the list of non-scheduled substances controlled in Latvia and publishes it on the website www.zva.gov.lv
- It is prohibited to bring into the territory of Latvia the substances included into the chapter B of the list of non-scheduled substances controlled in Latvia
- It is prohibited to bring into the territory of Latvia the substances included into the chapter A of the list of non-scheduled substances controlled in Latvia if there is evidence that these substances will be used for the production of narcotic or psychotropic substances
- The person involved in the circulation of non-scheduled substances (operator) shall develop instructions regarding concrete manipulations of non-scheduled substances
- The operator shall register electronically in a special register all the manipulations with non-scheduled substances
- If non-scheduled substance is being exported, the operator shall attach an invoice to the mail, indicating the name and the amount of the non-scheduled substance
- The operator shall store the non-scheduled substances in a separate lockable room or in a lockable metal cabinet (in a safe)
- At the end of each quarter the operator during 15 days shall submit electronically to the State Agency of Medicines a report regarding the circulation of non-scheduled substances. The report shall be submitted by filling in a blank form available online on the State Agency's of Medicines website