



Disclosure of vested interests relating to pilot trials with cannabis in accordance with the Narcotics Act for the attention of the FOPH

Pilot trials with cannabis in accordance with the Narcotics Act (NarcA; SR 812.121) must be conducted in the public interest and yield scientific findings on the impact of certain regulatory measures when dealing with cannabis for non-medical purposes (see Art. 8(1)(db) of the NarcA in conjunction with Art. 2 of the Ordinance on Pilot Trials under the Narcotics Act (BetmPV; SR 812.121.5)). These scientific pilot trials are the focus of both political and public attention and are intended to provide a basis for any new regulation of cannabis. It is therefore all the more important that the relevant research is credible and independent. Problematic vested interests could adversely impact the credibility of the pilot trials. According to Art. 22(2)(e) of the BetmPV, information on the funding of trials must thus be submitted to the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) as part of the application process. Furthermore, in the interests of scientific rigour and in order to ensure the independence of the research conducted, relevant vested interests in connection with the funding of trials must be declared upon submitting the application.

This form for the disclosure of vested interests must be completed by the **individual responsible** for the pilot trial in accordance with Art. 22(2)(b) of the BetmPV. Should this individual not be the same as the study's **research manager**, a form must also be completed by this person.

Important: Declaring vested interests does not automatically mean that your application will be rejected. The **implications are examined on a case-by-case basis** and clarified further as necessary.

Please check the applicable answers	Yes	No
Is the study to be either directly or indirectly (co-) financed by the addictive substances industry (e.g. the cannabis, alcohol, tobacco or e-cigarette industry) or its lobby organisations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the implementation of the pilot trial (the sales outlets, training of sales staff, manufacturing of products, provision of advice to participants, etc.) to be either directly or indirectly (co-) financed by the addictive substances industry (e.g. the cannabis, alcohol, tobacco or e-cigarette industry) or its lobby organisations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the implementation of the pilot trial to be made possible by non-monetary, material benefits or preferential conditions (e.g. the provision of cannabis products at prices that are not in line with the market or at cost-covering prices) offered by the addictive substances industry (e.g. the cannabis, alcohol, tobacco or e-cigarette industry) or its lobby organisations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any other conflicts of interest relating to the supporters or sponsors of the pilot trial?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you or senior employees at your organisation received speaking fees from the addictive substances industry (e.g. the cannabis, alcohol, tobacco or e-cigarette industry) or its lobby organisations during the past five years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you or senior employees at your organisation received consultancy fees from the addictive substances industry (e.g. the cannabis, alcohol, tobacco or e-cigarette industry) or its lobby organisations during the past five years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Have you or your organisation received any other financial support of any kind from the addictive substances industry (e.g. the cannabis, alcohol, tobacco or e-cigarette industry) or its lobby organisations during the past five years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you or your organisation engage in other activities that are linked to vested interests of the addictive substances industry (e.g. the cannabis, alcohol, tobacco or e-cigarette industry) or its lobby organisations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If you have answered one or more of the questions above with yes, please briefly explain the circumstances surrounding your answer:</p>		
<p>If you have answered one or more of the questions above with yes, please briefly explain which measures you are taking to avoid conflicts of interest in this regard:</p>		

The undersigned hereby confirms with their signature that the information they have provided is true and complete.

Title of the pilot trial

 LAST NAME, FIRST NAME (block capitals)

 Organisation

 Date and signature

The disclosure of vested interests forms an integral part of any licence. Any incorrect statements made in the declaration or new conflicts of interest that arise during the licence period may lead to the licence being withdrawn.

If the answers to the questions above change during the pilot trial's licence period, the FOPH must be informed immediately. In this case, the right to amend or withdraw the licence remains reserved.

Please sign by hand or by means of a qualified electronic signature and enclose with the application for a licence to conduct a pilot test or send via e-mail (PDF) to pilotversuchecannabis@bag.admin.ch