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**THE LEGAL STATUS OF HOMEOPATHY IN SLOVENIA**

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**(1) Regulations relating to homeopathy in Slovenia**

In preparing regulations for complementary and alternative medicine in general, our objective was to protect the user of such medicine against possible non-professional treatment.

Article 6 of the **Healing Practices Act** (Ur. l. RS, No. 94/2007) stipulates that only persons holding university degree in medicine and having acquired homeopathic skills may treat with homeopathy. A new healing practices act is being prepared that will not, however, amend the existing provisions relating to homeopathy.

**(2) Regulations relating to homeopathic medicines in Slovenia**

All regulations covering homeopathic medicines in Slovenia are in line with the relevant EU regulations.

However, in contrast to most EU member states, homeopathic medicines are not yet available in Slovenia as none have obtained the necessary authorisations. To date the Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices of the Republic of Slovenia has received no valid marketing authorisation applications.

In accordance with the **Medicinal Products Act** (Ur. l. RS, No. 31/06) each homeopathic medicine must obtain a marketing authorisation certifying that its safety, quality and efficiency have been verified.

Homeopathic medicines are regulated in more detail by the **Rules on homeopathic medicines for human use** (Ur. l. RS, No. 94/2008). According to the Rules homeopathic medicines can only be administered by persons holding university degree in medicine and having acquired homeopathic skills; they can only be made available in pharmacies and presented by graduated pharmacists who have passed proficiency examination and acquired additional skills in homeopathy.

The definition of health services in Article 17 of the draft **Health Services Act** includes, among others:

- the services of certain complementary, traditional and alternative forms of diagnostics, medical treatment and rehabilitation provided by medical professionals in accordance with a specific law.

In this way official medicine could come closer to homeopathy.

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