

DECLARATION OF RESEARCH ON CANNABIS AND ITS APPLICATIONS IN ALL
AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE AS A MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST

CHAPTER I - FURTHERING CANNABIS RESEARCH

Section 1

Scientific research on cannabis and its applications in all areas of knowledge are hereby declared to be of public interest. The competent public bodies shall further research activities that contribute to the scientific knowledge on the genetic material, plant and cannabis derivatives, on the possible uses and applications thereof, as well as on the consequences that they could potentially have.

Section 2

The Executive Branch is hereby empowered to exempt the import of laboratory equipment and supplies of any kind for cannabis research from any tax or levy and to disregard the mandatory intervention of the customs broker in the corresponding customs operations, within the limits and under the conditions set forth in the regulations.

The National Customs Bureau will implement an abridged customs clearance for the import operations referred to in this Section, under the provisions of Section 68 of Law No. 19,276 of September 19, 2014 (CAROU).

Section 3

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The reference to the aforementioned thematic compilation is understood to reference the legislative standards compiled therein.

(*) **Notes:**

In addition, this Section amended the wording of: TO 1996 (Decree 338/996) of

28/AUG/1996 Section 79 - Title 4 , paragraph 7), subparagraph D).

CHAPTER II - THE URUGUAYAN CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDIES IN CANNABIS

Section 4

The Uruguayan Center for Advanced Studies in Cannabis (CUDEA Cannabis) is hereby created as a scientific, academic and interdisciplinary body, in order to contribute to:

- A) Putting out original scientific knowledge, of national and international impact, on genetic material, plant and cannabis derivatives, possible uses and applications thereof, as well as consequences that they could potentially have.
- B) The necessary guidance of such research activities towards solving national problems and creating opportunities in the most diverse areas, including healthcare, social and production.
- C) Development and transfer of technology to the national production sector, with an emphasis on the incorporation of scientific knowledge to the manufacture of goods and services for export.
- D) Training of human resources in the subject with a high level of interdisciplinarity.

Section 5

The Uruguayan Center for Advanced Studies in Cannabis shall operate within the scope of the National Secretariat of Science and Technology, which will provide the human and material resources necessary for its operation.

Section 6

The Uruguayan Center for Advanced Studies in Cannabis will have the following tasks:

- A) Plan, sponsor, coordinate and further original scientific research projects,

in agreement
with national and international institutions.

B) Further, organize, carry out or collaborate in scientific gatherings of a
high level of specialization, as well as in researchers' and technicians'

exchange programs, courses, seminars and disclosure activities.

C) Encourage inter-institutional coordination of public and private parties

connected to the subject.

D) Establish the bidding guidelines for the calls of the National Cannabis

Research Fund.

E) Select the projects that will be financed by the National Cannabis

Research Fund, carry out the necessary follow-up and evaluation.

Section 7

The Uruguayan Center for Advanced Studies in Cannabis (CUDEA Cannabis) shall have a Strategic and Monitoring Committee made up of seven members: a representative of the National Secretariat of Science and Technology, acting as chair; a representative of the Ministry of Public Health, two representatives of the Ministerial Cabinet of Productive Transformation and Competitiveness, a representative of the Cannabis Control and Regulation Institute, a representative of the National Council of Innovation, Science and Technology, and a representative of the University of the Republic. The members of this Committee will hold honorary positions and will be appointed by the Executive Branch, at the proposal of the respective bodies, and the individuals must be able to accredit an outstanding academic career in the field of action of CUDEA Cannabis.

Section 8

The Strategic and Monitoring Committee of the Uruguayan Center for Advanced Studies in Cannabis (CUDEA Cannabis) will have the following tasks:

- A) Establish the strategic objectives, priorities and goals of CUDEA Cannabis.
- B) Approve the strategic plan and annual operational plans of CUDEA Cannabis.
- C) Assess the effectiveness and efficiency of CUDEA Cannabis and define the corrective mechanisms that it deems necessary.
- D) Create thematic commissions or working groups, where appropriate, and assess their reports and activities.
- E) Approve the bidding guidelines for the calls of the National Cannabis Research Fund, appoint application evaluation committees of financing presented and select the projects to be funded.
- F) Approve the monitoring and evaluation reports of the research funded by the National Cannabis Research Fund or otherwise funded.

Section 9

The Uruguayan Center for Advanced Studies in Cannabis (CUDEA Cannabis) shall have an Academic Coordinator who will be appointed by the Executive Branch, at the proposal of the Strategic and Monitoring Committee, and must be an individual who can accredit an outstanding scientific and academic career in the subjects of CUDEA Cannabis.

The recruitment of the Academic Coordinator and up to two executive assistants may be financed from the National Cannabis Research Fund.

Section 10

The Academic Coordinator of the Uruguayan Center for Advanced Studies in Cannabis (CUDEA Cannabis) will have the following tasks:

- A) Technical support of the Strategic and Monitoring Committee in the fulfillment of its tasks.

- B) Encourage coordination and interaction among the parties involved
with the purpose and tasks of CUDEA Cannabis.

- C) Propose the strategic plan and annual operational plans of CUDEA Cannabis.

- D) Propose the bidding guidelines for the calls of the National Cannabis Research Fund
and the respective selection criteria, within the framework of the priorities defined by the Strategic and Monitoring Committee.

- E) Propose and implement the mechanisms for monitoring and assessing the
activities of CUDEA Cannabis in general, and of the research projects, in particular.

CHAPTER III - THE NATIONAL CANNABIS RESEARCH FUND

Section 11

The National Cannabis Research Fund is hereby created, and will be intended to financially support scientific research activities provided for in this law.

The Fund will be managed by the Cannabis Control and Regulation Institute, according to the instructions issued by the National Secretariat of Science and Technology, based on the definitions adopted by the Strategic and Monitoring Committee of the Uruguayan Center for Advanced Studies in Cannabis.

Section 12

The following shall be resources and sources of funding for the National Cannabis Research Fund:

- A) Up to 20% of the net income of the Cannabis Control and Regulation Institute (IRCCA) for the sale of cannabis for non-medical use
in the premises authorized for this purpose, according to what is set forth in the regulations.
- B) The allocations granted to it in the budgetary laws.
- C) The resources generated by the agreements that are entered into with public or private,
national or foreign entities.
- D) Fees, rates, prices, charges, rights, fines and seizures,
determined by the respective laws.
- E) Other income that is assigned to it by legal or regulatory means.
- F) The inheritances, bequests and donations accepted by the IRCCA for the
Fund.

Section 13

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(*) **Notes:**

This Section added to: Law No. 19,172 of 20/DEC/2013 Section [27](#)
subparagraph

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CHAPTER IV - THE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION PROJECTS WITH CANNABIS REGISTER

Section 14

The Cannabis Control and Regulation Institute shall have a register of scientific research activities on cannabis and its derivatives. This register will be carried out in order to know the object of the research, the researchers and the institutions connected to the research project.

Section 15

At the end of the research project, a report must be submitted to the Strategic and Monitoring Committee of the Uruguayan Center for Advanced Studies in Cannabis (CUDEA Cannabis) detailing the results obtained. CUDEA Cannabis will encourage that said institutions protect and value the results of research, development and innovation projects in cannabis. CUDEA Cannabis will further the dissemination of the results among the national and foreign scientific community, encouraging the exchange of information and experiences in the field. The regulations will establish the contents of the report, the deadlines and the consequences failing to submit it.

The Cannabis Control and Regulation Institute will have the power to disseminate these results.

Section 16

The Executive Branch shall regulate this law within a period of one hundred and eighty days from its promulgation.