

# Misuse of Drugs (Industrial Hemp) Regulations Revocation Order 2026

## Order in Council

At Wellington this                      day of                      2026

Present:  
in Council

This order is made under section 37 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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## Order

### 1 Title

This order is the Misuse of Drugs (Industrial Hemp) Regulations Revocation Order 2026.

### 2 Commencement

This order comes into force on 28 May 2026.

**3 Revocation**

The Misuse of Drugs (Industrial Hemp) Regulations 2006 (SR 2006/163) are revoked.

**4 Revocation of this order**

This order is revoked on 28 June 2026.

Clerk of the Executive Council.

**Explanatory note**

*This note is not part of the order but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This order, which comes into effect on 28 May 2026, revokes the Misuse of Drugs (Industrial Hemp) Regulations 2006 (the **principal regulations**).

The principal regulations provide a licensing regime for the procurement, cultivation, processing, supply, and possession of industrial hemp. From 28 May 2026, these activities will not require a licence and will be regulated by the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1977.

**Regulatory impact statement**

The Ministry for Regulation produced a regulatory impact statement on 29 October 2025 to help inform the decisions taken by the Government relating to the contents of this instrument.

A copy of this regulatory impact statement can be found at <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/our-work/regulatory-impact-statements/regulatory-impact-statement-review-the-misuse-of-drugs-industrial-hemp-regulations-2006/>

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This order is administered by the Ministry of Health.