

Ref: FOI-422

Sent via email only: [REDACTED]

27 October 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your email of 28 September 2023 in which you requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

Your request for information was as follows:

*Both requests relate directly to the quantification and reporting of the levels of cannabinoids in urine samples*

1. *Can you provide for me the full list of cannabinoids that can be detected and identified in both a urine and blood drug test when sampled, that would lead to an AAF. I understand that currently THC is the only cannabinoid that has a lower limit defined.*
2. *Can you please detail for me the method used to detect the list of cannabinoids above. The does not need to be in detail (i.e. reagents etc), just the method used for identification and quantification.*

## Response – Part 1

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2. UKAD does not hold the information requested at Part 1 of your request.
3. This information is held by the World Anti-Doping Agency ('WADA') and its accredited anti-doping laboratories that carry out analysis of Samples on UKAD's behalf. The only information publicly disclosed by WADA relating to the detection of cannabinoids (as far as UKAD is aware) can be found in WADA's Technical Document for the 'Minimum required performance levels and applicable minimum reporting levels for non-threshold substances analysed by chromatographic-mass spectrometric analytical methods' (WADA Technical Document - TD2022MRPL),

which is available at: [https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/resources/files/td2022mrpl\\_v1.0\\_final\\_eng.pdf](https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/resources/files/td2022mrpl_v1.0_final_eng.pdf).

## Response – Part 2

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4. UKAD does not hold the information requested at Part 2 of your request.
  
5. Nevertheless, the techniques used by the Drug Control Centre at King's College London (the WADA-accredited laboratory based in the UK) can be found in their Schedule of Accreditation document which is accessible on the United Kingdom Accreditation Service ('UKAS') website at: [https://www.ukas.com/wp-content/uploads/schedule\\_uploads/00002/1636Testing-Single.pdf](https://www.ukas.com/wp-content/uploads/schedule_uploads/00002/1636Testing-Single.pdf).

## Conclusion

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6. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your request and should be addressed via email to: [foi@ukad.org.uk](mailto:foi@ukad.org.uk). Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.
  
7. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commission for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "UK Anti-Doping".

**UK Anti-Doping**