

PRESS RELEASE

EIHA response to EFSA's provisional safe level of CBD as Novel Food

Brussels, February 16th 2026 - The European Industrial Hemp Association acknowledges the European Food Safety Authority's publication of a provisional safe intake level for CBD as a novel food. EFSA's [announcement](#) is an important scientific step forward in the regulatory framework for CBD in the European Union and highlights that **a safe level of CBD exists**.

At the same time, EIHA notes that EFSA's provisional level of approximately 0.0275 mg/kg body weight per day - around 2 mg per day for a 70 kg adult - is **particularly conservative**. This level is **substantially lower than** levels used or advised in **other jurisdictions**, such as the 10 mg/day limit advised by the United Kingdom - demonstrating a broader global acceptance of higher levels.

EIHA, on behalf of its partners, has submitted a novel food dossier including proprietary toxicological studies supporting a safe level of **17.5 mg/day**, and we are committed to working with EFSA and the European Commission's to address the outstanding data gaps in order to achieve this scientifically supported level. Filling these gaps will require further high-quality studies, and EIHA welcomes collaboration and support from stakeholders interested in advancing the scientific understanding of CBD.

The establishment of a safe intake level now provides a clear scientific and regulatory basis to **move forward with the Novel Food authorisation** process for **CBD isolate** in the EU. We expect that our application can progress based on the provisional level of 2 mg/day. EIHA and its partners are currently finalising the remaining information requested by EFSA, with the objective of supporting a final authorisation ideally before the end of the year.

EIHA continues to advocate for a regulatory environment that is grounded in sound science, protects public health, and allows European consumers access to safe, high-quality CBD products.



About EIHA

The European Industrial Hemp Association (EIHA) is the only pan-European membership organisation representing the hemp sector. Its members include farmers, processors, manufacturers, and traders working with hemp fibres, shives, seeds, leaves, and cannabinoids. EIHA represents and defends the interests of the hemp industry at the European level, promoting a fair, science-based regulatory environment that enables the sustainable growth of the hemp sector.

Contact:

Email: info@eiha.org

Webpage: www.eiha.org