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HEALTHCARE ENTITIES AND PHARMACIES

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Ban on pharmacy advertising – Act passed by the Sejm

On 18 September, an Act amending the Pharmaceutical Law was submitted to the Senate. In October, the Act was passed by the Senate with a few amendments. The amending Act provides for the abolition of the total ban on advertising of pharmacies and pharmacy outlets ("pharmacy advertising"), which was found by the Court of Justice of the European Union to be incompatible with EU law. The Act introduces:

- / a **definition of pharmacy advertising**,
- / **conditions for conducting pharmacy advertising**, and
- / provisions **sanctioning pharmacy advertising in breach of the Act**.

UOKiK fined pharmaceutical wholesalers

In September 2026, the website of the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection ("UOKiK") published a notice on the **imposition of fines on four entities engaged in the wholesale of pharmaceutical products**. The entities were alleged to have participated for over 10 years in an unlawful agreement restricting competition by exchanging sensitive information, e.g., medicinal product prices, sales volumes, and offered commercial terms. A fine of over PLN 900 million was imposed on the participants to the agreement.

GIF notice on the availability of medicinal products in Poland

At the end of September, the Chief Pharmaceutical Inspectorate ("**GIF**") published another notice on the availability of medicinal products. According to the notice:

"The current situation regarding the availability of medicinal products from the antibiotic group is stable. The majority of stockpiled supplies are held by pharmaceutical wholesalers," and

"Difficulties in the availability of the medicinal product containing the active substance trazodone hydrochloride, at a dose of 150 mg, in the form of prolonged-release film-coated tablets, in a pack of 30 units, persist. There are currently no stocks available; deliveries are not expected until November of this year. However, the availability of the medicinal product in question at a dose of 300 mg has improved – the entity has fulfilled the delivery".

FOOD

The full text of the Act can be found here: [link](#).

The full text of the draft can be found here: [link](#).

Amendment to the Act on the commercial quality of agri-food products

On 16 September, an amendment to the Act on the commercial quality of agri-food products entered into force. The Act introduces a number of significant changes to food law, including an expansion of the Inspectorate's inspection powers and an **expansion of the definition of an adulterated agri-food product**, which means a product:

- / completely lacking the labeling required under the provisions on commercial quality,
- / whose composition is non-compliant with the provisions on commercial quality,
- / whose labeling contains:
 - / a name that is non-compliant with the provisions on commercial quality or that is false, or
 - / false information regarding its origin, use-by date, or date of minimum durability, net content, commercial quality class, variety, or commercial type, or
- / to which changes have been introduced, including changes to its labeling, resulting in the concealment of its actual composition or other properties, where those changes materially prejudice the interests of final consumers.

Amendments to the Act on Food Safety and Nutrition - draft act

On 21 September, a draft act amending the Act on Food Safety and Nutrition and the Act on the State Sanitary Inspectorate was submitted to the Committee for Digitalization. The draft aims to align the Act with EU provisions and introduces, among other things, changes concerning the procedure for notifying the Chief Sanitary Inspector ("GIS") of the first placing on the market in the territory of the Republic of Poland of foodstuffs referred to in Article 29 of the Act. The draft provides for an exemption from the obligation to notify GIS of the first placing on the market of foodstuffs to which vitamins and minerals are mandatorily added, as well as a provision specifying that notifications of the first placing on the market of certain foodstuffs are to be submitted via the e-Sanepid platform.

FOOD AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

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The full text of the Act can be found here: [link](#).

UOKiK investigates the practices of food businesses and others

At the beginning of September, UOKiK's website published a notice according to which the President of UOKiK had launched explanatory proceedings against Danone, Mondelez, Nestlé, and Unilever to verify whether the companies are correctly communicating information about the reduction in the quantity or weight of their products, in particular in cases where the packaging has not changed ("**downsizing**"). The UOKiK President will verify whether the largest market operators are adequately communicating reductions in the quantity of products offered and whether their practices are misleading consumers. As stated in the notice: "a reduction in the quantity or weight of a product must be communicated fairly".

Ministry of Health withdraws from Nutri-Score?

On 24 September, the Ministry of Health issued a letter indicating that **foodstuffs bearing a label containing the Nutri-Score system marking (or any other front-of-pack nutrition labelling system subject to a notification requirement - 'FOPNL') may be placed on the market until 31 December 2028 and may remain in circulation after that date until stocks are exhausted, but no later than 31 December 2030**. Products from other EU Member States manufactured and labelled with FOPNL systems may continue to be present on the Polish market.

What's next for the Alcohol Act?

A draft act amending the Act on Upbringing in Sobriety and Counteracting Alcoholism, authored by the Lewica and Polska2050 parliamentary clubs, was put to a vote in the Sejm in September after many months of work. As a reminder: the draft introduces **a number of changes to the alcoholic beverages market**, including the inclusion of beer in the ban on advertising and promotion, new obligations for packaging of alcoholic beverages and increased penalties for illegal advertising and promotion.

On October 8, the Sejm finally passed the Act with additional amendments. The Act was then forwarded to the President for signature.



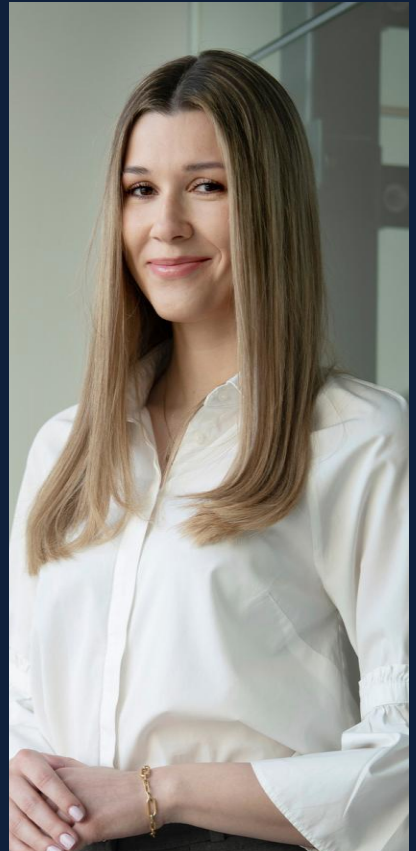
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