

Chief Pharmacist Controlled Drug Licence Application Report (Wholesale Dealer's Licence)	
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Associated Law(s) and/or Subordinate Legislation	Medicines (Jersey) Law 1995 Medicines (Applications for Manufacturer's and Wholesale Dealer's Licences) (Jersey) Order 1997 Medicines (Standard Provisions for Licences and Certificates) (Jersey) Order 1997 Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law 1978 Misuse of Drugs (General Provisions) (Jersey) 2009
Action required if recommendation agreed	Department to take necessary action.
Resource Implications	There are no new financial and/or manpower implications.

### **Introduction**

An application has been received from Mr Andrew Romeril on behalf of Delta 9 Wholesale, 45 Century Buildings, The Esplanade, St Helier, JE2 3QA, in accordance with Article 19 of the Medicines (Jersey) Law 1995, for the renewal of a wholesale dealer's licence. The current licence holder and CEO is Mr Gary Whipp.

The Medicines (Jersey) Law 1995 controls the distribution of medicinal products by way of wholesale dealing. This control is exercised by prohibiting the distribution of medicinal products by way of wholesale dealing or the possession of medicinal products for the purpose of distribution by way of wholesale dealing except in accordance with a wholesale dealer's licence. The meaning of wholesale dealing is defined in Article 3 of the Law; it includes selling to a person for the purpose of selling or supplying it; or administering or causing it to be administered to one or more human beings.

The application is for a licence to cover wholesale dealings in medicinal products for human use, relating to the procurement, administration, storage, and handling of such products. The specific category of products which will be handled at the site are Cannabis Based Products for Medicinal use (CBPMs). CBPMs are also controlled under the provisions of Schedule 2 to the Misuse of Drugs (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 2009. Additionally, CBPMs are unlicensed medicinal products, meaning that they do not have a UK Marketing Authorisation.

The application includes all the information required by the Medicines (Applications for Manufacturer's and Wholesale Dealer's Licences) (Jersey) Order 1997. The applicant is the current nominated Responsible Person (RP) in relation to activities undertaken in accordance with the licence. Additionally, Steven Hewison is named as a contract RP.

The company proposes to continue to trade in medicinal cannabis with procured medicines from UK companies. They would supply to their own pharmacy as well as other locally based pharmacies and pharmacies in Guernsey.

A joint initial inspection was completed by Jersey's Chief Pharmacist and a Senior GDP Inspector from the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) on 19 November 2024. This was a comprehensive inspection which assessed compliance with the Guidelines on Good Distribution Practice of Medicinal Products for Human Use and the Medicines (Jersey) Law 1995 and the Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law 1978.

There were no critical deficiencies observed during the inspection – there were 10 major deficiencies and two deficiencies classified as 'other'. Further information was sought from Delta 9 Wholesale, with requirements to give proposals for dealing with the deficiencies as well as a timetable for their implementation. Following further review of the company's proposals to address the deficiencies, both the MHRA and the Acting Chief Pharmacist are content that the applicant satisfies all legal and pharmaceutical aspects required by the Medicines (Jersey) Law 1995 for the granting of a wholesale dealers' licence.

### **Recommendation**

The Minister is recommended to approve the application by Mr Andrew Romeril on behalf of Delta 9 Wholesale for the renewal of a wholesale dealer's licence to be valid for 5 years, with re-inspection in 3 years.