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Our Ref: **FOI2026/00115**

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 4 February. You wrote:

*Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information regarding the seizure of illegal fat-freezing products, including unlicensed injectables such as so-called "fat-dissolving" injections like Lemon Bottle.*

*Specifically, please provide the following information:*

- 1. The total number of illegal fat-freezing injectable products seized by the MHRA since 1 January 2020. Please include both individual units (e.g., pens, syringes) and larger consignments (e.g., factory raids).*
- 2. The estimated value (£) of these seized products over the same period*

*If available, please provide this information broken down by year (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 to date).*

*If any of the above information is held but exempt from disclosure, please explain which exemptions apply and provide as much detail as possible.*

## **MHRA Response**

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, we have established that the information you requested is not held by this Agency.

For a product to fall under the remit of the MHRA it must meet either the definition of a medicinal product, as set out in the Human Medicines Regulations 2012, or the definition of a medical device, as set out in the Medical Devices Regulations. In the absence of specific medicinal claims, Lemon Bottle does not meet the definition of a medicine and is therefore not regulated by this Agency.

Enforcement of any offences relating to the sale of Lemon Bottle would likely fall to local Trading Standards teams.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

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Any request for an internal review must be received by us within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please note we are not obliged to provide a review if it is requested after more than 40 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Website: [ICO FOI and EIR complaints](http://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/foi/) or telephone 0303 123 1113.

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