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Our Ref: **FOI2026/00083**

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 27 January. You wrote:

*Please provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.*

*How many erectile dysfunction pills have been seized by the MHRA in 2023, 2024 and 2025? Can you please provide the number per year and not as a total. Could you also break this down per country if possible please.*

*If this is too much, could you please just provide the year 2024 and 2025.*

*1a) Of these, how many were legitimate pills/brands and how many were deemed to be fake pills/brands?*

*If it is not possible to provide some of the data requested, I would be grateful if you could provide whichever elements of this FOI request are eligible for release.*

*Therefore, if it is possible to ascertain within the prescribed time limit, without having to provide a fee for further investigations, please respond in electronic form with all the information above to the following email address: [REDACTED]*

## **MHRA Response**

We confirm that we hold the information you have requested.

Working with law enforcement partners the MHRA has seized the following number of doses of erectile dysfunction medicine in each of the years stated in the table. The figures represent seizures made at the UK border.

The country of origin for most of these medicines is India.

The medicines are classed as 'unauthorised' for use in the UK. An unauthorised medicine is a medicinal product that does not possess a valid Marketing Authorisation (MA) granted by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) for sale or supply in the UK. An unauthorised medicine may not meet the UK's standards for safety, quality, and efficacy.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Sildenafil</b>	2,678,761	4,448,903	3,030,750
<b>Tadalafil</b>	522,556	993,048	1,096,455
<b>Vardenafil</b>	1,370	14,120	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,202,687</b>	<b>5,456,071</b>	<b>4,127,205</b>

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

Yours sincerely,

MHRA Central Freedom of Information Team  
Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

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Website: [ICO FOI and EIR complaints](#) or telephone 0303 123 1113.

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