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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 29 June. You wrote:

This is a request for an update to the previous FOI response ref: FOI2025/00843

For 2025/26

How many unauthorised medicines were seized by the MHRA and/or UKBF?

What were the top 10 types of medicines seized?

MHRA Response

We confirm that we hold the information you have requested.

For the financial year 2025 – 2026 the MHRA and Border Force seized approximately 23,500,000 doses of medicine.

The top 10 medicines seized according to our records were:

Zopiclone	approx. 9,000,000
Sildenafil	approx. 4,250,000
Pregabalin	approx. 3,600,000
Diazepam	approx. 3,100,000
Tadalafil	approx. 1,200,000
Liothyronine	approx. 381,000
Alprazolam	approx. 335,000
Modafinil	approx. 217,000
Tapentadol	approx. 197,000

For a complete picture of all seizures of medicinal controlled drugs, please contact Border Force.

If you plan to use this information for media publication purposes, you should contact our news centre who can provide any additional context or comment. You can contact them on 020 3080 7651 or by email at newscentre@mhra.gov.uk.

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Yours sincerely,

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