

FOI 23/237 - the specific compound of the PHENOL

REQUEST

9 May 2023

As requested, and to provide further information on the request we have made, we have specific concerns about 2,4-Dinitrophenol and whether this product or a variation of that product, is the PHENOL, that is included in the listed ingredients and/or excipients.

Please can you confirm the specific compound of the PHENOL that is included in the ingredients and/or excipients.

MHRA RESPONSE

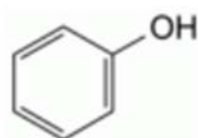
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Dear

Thank you for your email of 09 May 2023 and we apologise for delay in response.

Wegovy, Saxenda and Ozempic all contain phenol in their composition as per their published product information (<https://products.mhra.gov.uk/>).

Phenol has the following structure (ref. European Pharmacopoeia monograph 0631):



The above structure is not 2,4-dinitrophenol, which would have nitro groups at the 2 and 4 positions.

We cannot detail the precise amount of phenol in Wegovy, Saxenda and Ozempic products, as this is commercially sensitive information. We can share that phenol is used mainly as an antimicrobial preservative in parenteral (injectable) pharmaceutical products at concentrations of 0.5-1.0 % w/v (Handbook of Pharmaceutical Excipients).

If you disagree with how we have interpreted the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in answering your request, you can ask for an internal review. Please reply to this email, within two months of this reply, specifying that you would like an Internal Review to be carried out.

If you were to remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you would have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please bear in mind that the Information Commissioner will not normally review our

handling of your request unless you have first contacted us to conduct an internal review.

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Kind Regards

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