

FOI 24/263 further to FOI 24/192 Request for Status of British Pharmaceutical Codex (BPC) under Freedom of Information

MHRA Customer Services <MHRACustomerServices@mhra.gov.uk>

Sun 17/03/2024 19:17

To [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing in response to your further enquiry, which we have dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI 24/263). On 15 March 2024 you asked us:

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NON OFFICIAL COMPENDIUM?

A: MERCK INDEX

B: BRITISH PHARMACEUTICAL CODEX

C: BRITISH PHARMACOPEIA

In our response to you on 11 March 2024 (our ref 24/192) we stated:

Currently the only official compendium of standards for medicines in the UK are the British Pharmacopoeia (which also includes the standards from the European Pharmacopoeia).

To confirm for clarity, the Merck Index and the Pharmaceutical Codex are non-official reference books.

We hope that this assists you.

If you disagree with how we have interpreted the Freedom of Information Act 2000 with regards to your request, you can ask for the decision to be reviewed. The review will be carried out by a senior member of the Agency who was not involved with the original decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you 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 a request unless the requester has first asked us to conduct an internal review.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted through their online webform at: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Or in writing to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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Communications and engagement team

Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 11:08 AM
To: MHRA Customer Services <MHRACustomerServices@mhra.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: FOI 24/192 Request for Status of British Pharmaceutical Codex (BPC) under Freedom of Information

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On Mon, 11 Mar, 2024, 5:19 pm MHRA Customer Services, <MHRACustomerServices@mhra.gov.uk> wrote:

FOI 24/192

[REDACTED]

We are writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (our ref 24/192).

In your request you asked for “access to any relevant documentation, official statements, or records pertaining to the classification of the British Pharmaceutical Codex (BPC).”

We have carried out searches of our records and have found the following information relevant to your request.

1. Copy of the Preface from The Pharmaceutical Codex (12th edition), outlining the change in legal status of the Codex publication. Please note that you may also obtain this information if you have access to a copy of the Codex, but in case you do not we are happy to provide this information.

Due to the long time since this change occurred, we have not been able to locate further information relevant to your request.

The last edition of the British Pharmaceutical Codex which contained official standards was the BPC 1973 (10th edition).

Currently the only official compendium of standards for medicines in the UK are the British Pharmacopoeia (which also includes the standards from the European Pharmacopoeia).

There is no charge for this information.

If you have a query about the information provided, please reply to this email.

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From: Manoj Bolaveni <[REDACTED]>
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to inquire about the official status of the British Pharmaceutical Codex (BPC) as recognized by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) in the United Kingdom.

As part of a research project [or any other relevant context], I am seeking clarification regarding the classification of the British Pharmaceutical Codex (BPC) within the regulatory framework. Specifically, I would like to know whether the British Pharmaceutical Codex (BPC) is officially recognized by the MHRA or if its status remains unofficial.

Given the importance of accurate information in regulatory matters, I kindly request access to any relevant documentation, official statements, or records pertaining to the classification of the British Pharmaceutical Codex (BPC). This request is made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If there are any fees associated with processing this request, please inform me in advance. Additionally, if further clarification or details are needed to facilitate this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I understand the importance of compliance with legal obligations and appreciate your attention to this matter. Your prompt response would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]