



Folkhälsomyndigheten

# Recent developments in Sweden

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# Alcohol policy

## 1. New legislation July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 – Alcoholic products intended for ingestion

- Certain *alcohol products intended for ingestion*, e.g. alcoholic ice-cream and pulverised alcohol
- Similar legal restrictions as alcohol beverages for retail, wholesale, serving and marketing, Alcohol act (2010:1622)
  - e.g. retail restricted to Systembolaget and licence required for on premise sales

### Government Bill and Decision

- In addition the trial with home delivery was introduced as part of Systembolaget regular activities

## 2. The government has decided to appoint a commission of inquiry to consider farm sales of alcohol, start 2020

- One condition is the preservation of the alcohol monopoly



# Alcohol policy continued



3. Regulation of alcohol marketing in digital media
  - Prohibition of commercial ads for alcohol in social media
  - Process:
    - Government inquiry 2018 (SOU 2017:113)
      - On hold
  
4. Private imports of alcohol beverages
  - Regulations of transport, retail and commercial promotions
  - Process:
    - Government inquiry 2014 (SOU 2014:58)
    - Government promemoria presented in October 2016 (Ds 2016:33)
      - Awaiting decision

# Narcotics policy

1. The government launched an action plan for the prevention of narcotics and related crime (August 2019)
  - Strengthen the control of illegal trade
  - Study of the market of narcotics in Sweden for an updated expertise
  - A government inquiry will be appointed to review the conditions in the postal services act in order to control items in case of criminal suspicion

# Narcotics policy – follow up

1. New legislation January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019
  - Changes to the legislation have generated a new strategy for authorities in the process of narcotics classification
  - Purchase of NPS on web shops commissioned by the Swedish medical products Agency and the Public Health Agency
2. Implementation of the recommendations on the use of Naloxone programmes to prevent overdoses
  - Available in 43% of the regions
  - Ready to implement in 36% of the regions August 2019

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# Tobacco policy

## 1. New measures in the tobacco act July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

- A permit requirement for selling tobacco products
- Extension of smoke-free environments to outdoor places
- Traceability and safety labelling of tobacco
- Tobacco act (2018:2088)

Government bill and decision



# Gambling policy

1. New legislation January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 – A new re-regulated gambling market
  - Gambling operators have to be granted a license for the Swedish market
  - Gambling operators have to protect players from excessive gambling
  - Bounces are limited
  - Regulation of marketing to people the age of 18 or players who excluded themselves
  - Regulation of taxes etc. (SFS 2018:1138)  
[Government process](#)
  - Players have the possibility to exclude themselves from licenced gambling sites
    - Until now used by more than 40 000 people used this service  
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# Overall information

- New ANDT strategy 2021-2026
  - The government announced that there will be a new strategy for the areas of ANDT (alcohol, narcotics, doping, tobacco)
    - current strategy 2016-2020
  - The strategy will emphasise Narcotics prevention
- A financial report covering policy for alcohol and tobacco was launched in March 2019