

Locational advantage Cannabis industry



Cannabis industry in Eastern Switzerland

The cannabis industry has been booming since 2016, due to the legalization of CBD products containing less than 1% THC. In addition the production and export of medical cannabis containing over 1% THC is permitted since August 2022. Pilot projects relating to the authorization of recreational cannabis are also underway.

With traditionally strong agricultural, foodstuffs and phytopharmaceutical industries, Eastern Switzerland is the ideal location for companies in the cannabis sector.

Education, Research and Development



Segments and companies

Cultivation / breeding

- AI FAME GmbH, Wald-Schönengrund, aifame.com
- Blütenfarm AG, Bischofszell, bluetenfarm.com
- Galenus AG, Züberwangen, galenusag.ch
- GrowArt AG, Turbenthal, growart.swiss
- Lichtensteiger AGRAR AG, Herisau, swisscbdfarm.ch
- The Botanicals AG, Schönenberg, thebotanicals.ch

Manufacturers

- AI FAME GmbH, Wald-Schönengrund, aifame.com
- Alpinamed AG, Freidorf, alpinamed.ch
- Canexis Pharma AG, Schlattingen, canexis.ch
- Canway Holdings AG, Zürich, canway.com
- Green Park Labs AG, Pfyn, green-park.ch
- Medropharm GmbH, Schönenberg, medrofarm.ch
- The Botanicals AG, Schönenberg, thebotanicals.ch

Machine production

- Adec Solutions GmbH, Arbon, adec-solutions.ch

Service providers

Researchers / laboratories / consultants / venture capital

- Breeding Botanical International AG, Uttwil, bb-international.ch
- Hänseler AG, Herisau, haenseler.ch
- Labor Veritas AG, Zürich, laborveritas.ch
- Swiss Drugtesting GmbH, Winterthur, swissdrugtesting.ch
- Swiss Industry Ventures AG, Herisau, swiss-ventures.ch
- Vigia AG, Zürich, cannavigia.com



Knowledge partners

ASSOCIATION

IG Hemp

IG Hemp is the association of the Swiss hemp industry and represents its members in politics, authorities and in public (ighanf.ch).

REGULATION

CBD products

Under Swiss law, CBD products may contain up to 1% THC, whereas most European nations will only permit a maximum of 0.2% THC. CBD products can only be marketed legally if they comply with the legislation of the country where it is placed on the market. Depending on the classification, the corresponding Swiss legislation is applied.

[Overview of the various CBD-containing raw materials and products offered by suppliers and their classification and marketability according to the current legal situation.](#)

Medical Cannabis

The production and export of medical cannabis containing over 1% THC is permitted since August 1, 2022. Due to the removal of the prohibition in the Narcotics Act, cannabis for medical purposes is reallocated from the List of prohibited narcotics to the List of substances subject to control measures by swissmedic. Detailed information on the topic: [Federal Office of Public Health FOPH](#) – only in german (bag.admin.ch), [Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products](#) (swissmedic.ch)

Recreational Cannabis

Pilot projects are underway relating to the authorization of cannabis for leisure use containing max. 20% THC. Experts predict that regulation/legalization will be achieved within the next few years. Detailed Information on the topic: [Federal Office of Public Health FOPH](#) (bag.admin.ch)

Swissmedic, the Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products

Swissmedic is the Swiss authority responsible for the authorisation and supervision of therapeutic products. Swissmedic's activities are based on the Law on Therapeutic Products. (swissmedic.ch)

Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO)

The main task of the FSVO is to actively promote the health and well-being of humans and animals. The central pillars of this approach are food safety and healthy eating for humans, and animal health and welfare for animals.

[Overview of the topic: Cannabis, Hemp extracts and Cannabinoids as foodstuffs](#)

For Novel Food a product check at [EU Novel Food catalogue](#) and approval by the FSVO is required.

Thurgau Cantonal Laboratory

Registration of food businesses is required at cantonal level: [Information on registration as a food business](#)

Thurgau Cantonal Department for Agriculture

The Cantonal Department for Agriculture is responsible if plants are produced as a primary product.

[Overview of the topic: Hemp cultivation](#)

Please note: This fact sheet is only intended as a guide. The information provided in this fact sheet is not exhaustive.

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