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Ministry of Health and Social Care  
Attn/ Minister, Mr. Škrbić

Subject- New product - new danger for children

According to media reports the new product engulfed Croatia. It is a mixture of dried exotic plants under the commercial name Magic Dragon, which is very popular with young people and which in combination with tobacco is used as a drug. It is easily available, legal and inexpensive.

Known as the "Dragon" or "Magic Dragon", according to the opinion of experts, it arouses interest for drugs in young people and opens the road to addiction. Particularly worrying is the manner of advertising the product itself and its easy availability. It is offered in bars, clubs, is bought over the internet or in supermarket, it is ordered to home address.

This mixture of dried exotic plants is prohibited by Law in Germany, Austria, France, Luxembourg.

Considering all the harmful effects that we are being warned about, and the fact that it is just the matter of time when it will be available for sale in our area, it is very important that the competent institutions, within their powers, undertake the necessary steps with the aim of familiarizing public with the appearance of the product itself and all its harmful consequences.

Because of the stated, I expect that, as a competent ministry, you undertake the necessary steps in order that, primarily children, but their parents and teachers as well are informed on time on the stated, in particular, to undertake necessary measures for the product to be included on the list of drugs and illicit substances.

I expect that, in accordance with Article 9. of the Law on Ombudsman for Children, the Institution is informed on the measures taken.

Sincerely,

Ombudsman for Children  
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