



## **VLOS.nl: Prohibition of magic mushrooms is good for nothing.**

### **Summary procedure smartshop owners against Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports.**

Next Tuesday a summary procedure of the Dutch Smartshop Association (VLOS) and a number of smartshop owners applies against the minister of Health, Welfare and Sports. The summary trial judge will attend to the request denouncing the prohibition of magic mushrooms.

Apart from a number of fundamental objections of constitutional nature the smart shop owners bring forward that the minister of Health, Welfare and Sport cannot reasonably decide to put fresh magic mushrooms on list II of the Opium Act.

The minister of Health, Welfare and Sports has not actually proven that the use of fresh mushrooms causes damage to people's health and to society. The motivation of the minister of Health, Welfare and Sports deciding to a prohibition in spite of the advisory of experts, the Dutch Smartshop Association considers this to be totally inadequate. Moreover the smartshop owners are of the opinion that a prohibition is much too heavy and the disadvantageous impact to be expected from the prohibition has been considered insufficiently. Furthermore the list with selected mushrooms has not been composed carefully. From the major part of the mushrooms mentioned on the list it has not been established scientifically that it actually concerns magic mushrooms.

Furthermore the interests of the smartshop branch have not been regarded sufficiently during the entire process of decision-making.

Board of the Dutch Smartshop Association (VLOS)

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\* The summary of the Verdict can be read and downloaded at [www.saveourshrooms.org](http://www.saveourshrooms.org).

\* The procedure takes place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November last at 9.00am at the Court in The Hague, Prins Clauslaan 60.

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