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## Amsterdam does not yet take action against magic mushrooms



AMSTERDAM - The city of Amsterdam will not uphold the magic mushroom prohibition for now. At the moment, there are too many uncertainties about how that should be done. That is what mayor Job Cohen, the police and the Public Prosecutions Department decided after deliberation on Monday, this is what a local council spokesperson made public.

One of the questions that remained is who should take the lead in the uphold. Last week, Cohen received a letter of the Ministry of National Health in which was stated that police and justice have this as a task. However, they seemed to assume that the mayor should take the lead.

Cohen will get in touch with the government to ask what is intended. He also wants to know whether he should involve the Food and Commodities Authority in the uphold. Furthermore, the authorities in Amsterdam should check where they get the people from who should control the observance of the prohibition in the smartshops.

A number of smartshops in Amsterdam would be planning to proceed selling magic mushrooms for now, especially now the uphold is kept simmering, says a spokesperson to have heard from the National Smartshop Association (VLOS). "But it's lead around old iron. But it ebbs away automatically. There is no supply because the growers quitted. These bear the largest risk."

The branch association went to court to right the magic mushroom prohibition, but met with refusal on Friday. Therefore, VLOS considers an appeal. Last weekend, the smartshops did good business. Users quickly purchased before the prohibition took effect last Monday, as said by the VLOS spokesperson. According to VLOS there are 180 salespoints of magic mushrooms in the Netherlands, of which Forty in Amsterdam.

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