REPORT

on communal pharmaceutical waste collecting

2021

In 2021 our company collected 341 ton pharmaceutical waste, 1% more than the previous year. As a consequence of the COVID pandemic, from spring of 2020, the steady and continuos growth of collected waste has slowed down and remained at the same level during the past two years.

According to the sales statics, last year the quantity of medicines sold in pharmacies decreased by 2 % (measured by boxes) which is unprecedented for a long time.

As in the past years, our collection system is based on the pharmacies and pharmaceutical wholesalers.

During the year we operated 4000 collecting points, approximately 2500 in pharmacies and the others in places which have the right to sell medicines (bioshops, drogueries, fuel stations..) The number of these later slightly increased.

Quantities of pharmaceutical waste during the past years:

Buseness year	Quantity/kg	Monthly average/kg
2008	173.939	14.495
2009	175.327	14.611
2010	196.205	16.350
2011	205.725	17.144
2012	222.660	18.555
2013	237.392	19.783
2014	244.600	20.383
2015	264.150	22.012
2016	275.812	22.984
2017	281.587	23.465
2018	305.566	25.464
2019	340.624	28.385
2020	338.399	28.200
2021	340.542	28.378

In the second half of 2021 the general shortage of paper and corrugated sheets and the increasing prices endangered the manufacturing of the collecting boxes but thanks to our stock, we managed to supply empty boxes to the collecting points for the time being.

The phamrmaceutical waste collection was entirely financed by the manufacturers.

Our budget was HUF 266 Million from which HUF 212 Million covered the direct costs of the collection. The promotion costs were HUF 6,2 Million.

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