

## **Abstract**

### **Dispensing of medicinal products under the Act on Pharmaceuticals**

Medicinal products are an important part of almost everyone's life due to their ability to minimize, prevent or eliminate undesirable external influences. Given the need to ensure the safety of the use of medicinal products and the protection of public health, the dispensing of medicinal products needs to be highly regulated. The aim of this thesis is to analyze and describe the legal regulation of the process of dispensing medicinal products in pharmacies, with emphasis on the mail-order dispensing of medicinal products, to point out legislative shortcomings and to propose changes *de lege ferenda*. In order to fulfil these objectives, the thesis is divided into five parts.

The first part of this thesis deals with basic legislative concepts in the field of dispensing of medicinal products and sources of legislation at the Czech and European level, including a detailed analysis of the guidelines of the State Institute for Drug Control and their ability to regulate the rights and obligations of their recipients in a binding manner. Finally, the first part covers the public authorities regulating the dispensing of medicinal products. The second part of the thesis provides an analysis of the current regulation of dispensing of medicinal products, while a separate third part of this thesis is dedicated to the issues connected with mail order dispensing of medicinal products as it differs from the usual dispensing of medicinal products in essential ways. Furthermore, this part of the thesis deals with the issues of other ways of securing medicinal products outside the mail-order dispensing, especially non-binding reservations of medicinal products and their subsequent pick up at the pharmacy. The fourth part of the thesis is devoted to the regulation of advertising of pharmaceuticals, due to its ability to directly influence the number of dispensed medicinal products. More detail is provided for advertising aimed at medical professionals, in particular on the issue of regulating the transparency of payments provided by pharmaceutical companies to medical professionals. The last part of the thesis is focused on the supervision, corrective and sanctioning powers of the State Institute for Drug Control in the field of regulation of the medicinal products, i.e. on the issue of administrative supervision and on issues related to the administrative offence proceedings.

#### **Key words:**

medicinal product, dispensing, mail-order pharmacy, Act on Pharmaceuticals