ALLIANCE FOR NATURAL HEALTH INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN NATURAL HEALTH BATTLEFIELD 2016

UNITED KINGDOM

- Public vote for Brexit could disentangle the UK from unnecessarily restrictive EU laws
- Advertising Standards Agency bans 'superfood' ads
- MHRA bans black cohosh, agnus castus and saw palmetto food supplements
- Integrated medicine/care hospitals (London & Glasgow) at risk of closure from funding cuts

BELGIUM

- Draft decree published to limit vitamins (max 6 mg for B6)
- Draft decree to turn BELFRIT (herb lists from Belgium, France & Italy) into law, creating increased legal certainty but locking out hundreds of other plant species
- Homeopathy practice by non-medical doctors eroded following 2014 decree restricting practice to allopathic doctors with homeopathic training

HOLLAND

High dose vitamin D and B6 bans

4 court cases aiming to overturn bans pending

DENMARK

Limits vitamin doses to unreasonably small amount (B6 3mg, D 10mcg, C 90mg)

SWEDEN

High dose vitamin D and B6 bans

10 court cases aiming to overturn bans pending

CZECH REPUBLIC

Outright ban on melatonin (despite 2 EU authorised health claims) and 108 plant species (e.g. yohimbe bark, sea buckthorn)

GERMANY

Kava kava sales expand following overturning of 12 year ban in 2014

Cinnamon-containing herbal teas and food supplements withdrawn from market if found to exceed EFSA 'tolerable daily limit' for coumarin

AUSTRIA

Direct selling ban on food supplement sales in Austria maintained despite likely illegality under EU Treaty and possibility of it being referred to Court of Justice of the EU

- Denotes positive change
- Denotes negative change