

# Import, seizure and analysis of prohibited doping products imported into Switzerland

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# Introduction

- **Since October 2012 “new” Sports Law in Switzerland**
  - **Limit the availability of doping substances**
  - **Importation of doping substances is prohibited for everybody**
- **Cooperation between public authorities and National Anti-Doping Organization (ADCH)**
- **Seizures of doping products at the Swiss border are forwarded to ADCH**
- **Thousands of illicit doping products have been confiscated**

# Methods

- **Study sample: products seized in 2013 and 2014**
- **Descriptive investigation of the seized parcels**
- **Questionnaire sent to the importer addresses**
- **Chemical analysis of more than 1000 products**



# Results I

- **1825 products in 960 parcels**
- **83 % were destined for Switzerland**
- **27 % were dispatched from Slovakia, 18 % from Greece, 9 % from China and 8 % from the USA**
- **35 % were manufactured in an Asian country**
- **74 % were anabolics, 25 % testosterone esters**
- **82 % of the importers had a male name**

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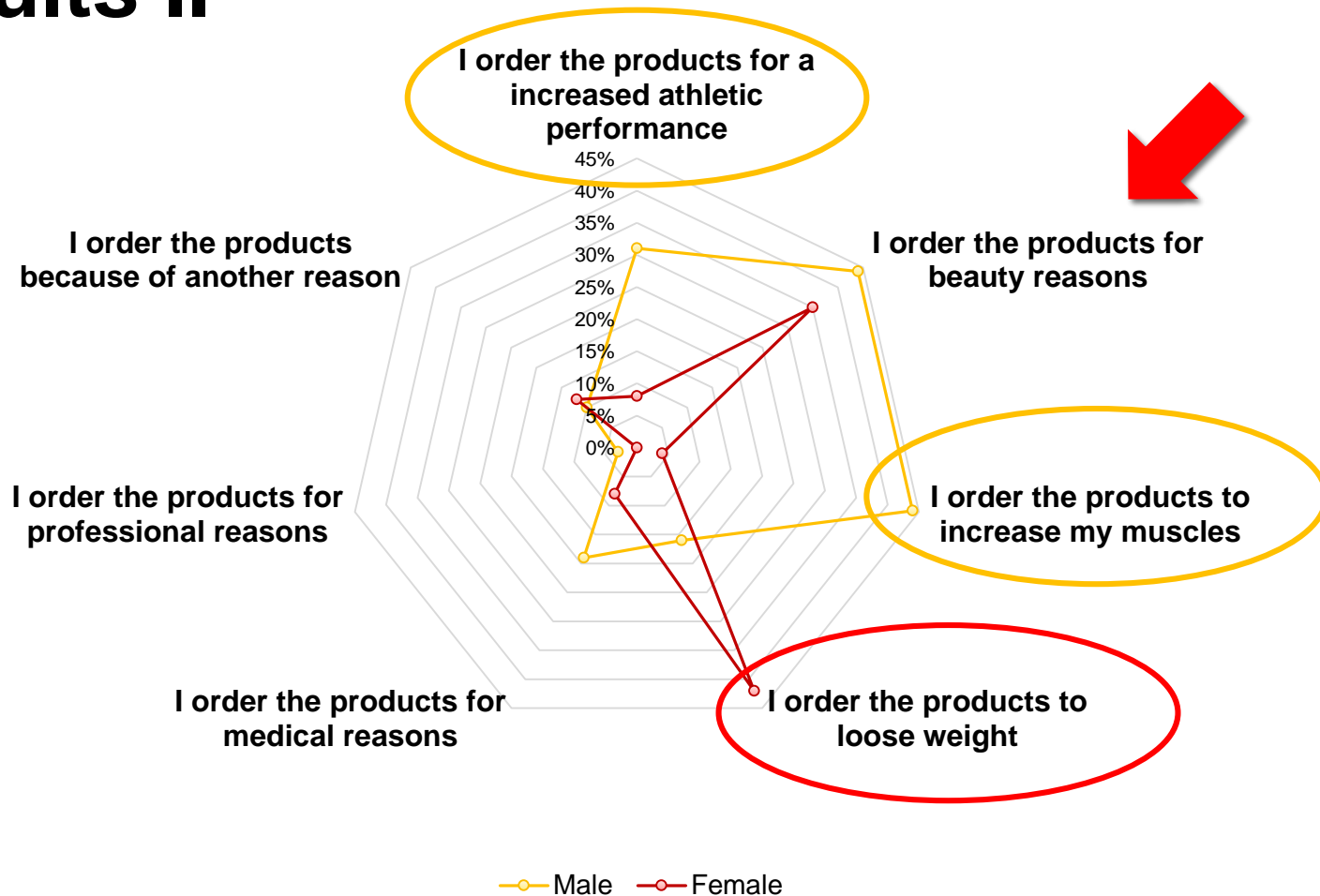


# Results II

		# (n = 147)	%
GENDER	Male	119	<b>81 %</b>
	Female	26	<b>18 %</b>
AGE	Under 20 years old	6	<b>4 %</b>
	Between 21 and 30 years old	46	<b>31 %</b>
	Between 31 and 40 years old	40	<b>27 %</b>
	Between 41 and 50 years old	27	<b>18 %</b>
	Over 50 years old	26	<b>18 %</b>
SPORT	Physically active	124	<b>84 %</b>
	Not physically active	21	<b>14 %</b>
	Sportclub membership	32	<b>22 %</b>
	Taking part in competitions	15	<b>10 %</b>
ORDERING	For themselves	125	<b>85 %</b>
	Do not resell	130	<b>88 %</b>
	Use of internet	76	<b>52 %</b>



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# Results III

WADA Class	Number of seizures	Accurately labelled products	Adulterated products	Substituted products	Inert products
<b>S1</b>	889 (75 %)	361 (41 %)	204 (23 %)	274 (31 %)	50 (6 %)
<b>S2</b>	146 (12 %)	96 (66 %)	0 (0 %)	7 (5 %)	43 (30 %)
<b>S4</b>	113 (9 %)	100 (88 %)	4 (4 %)	3 (3 %)	6 (5 %)
<b>Unknown / Mix</b>		42 (3 %)			
<b>Total</b>	1190 (100 %)	557 (47 %)	208 (17 %)	284 (24 %)	99 (8 %)

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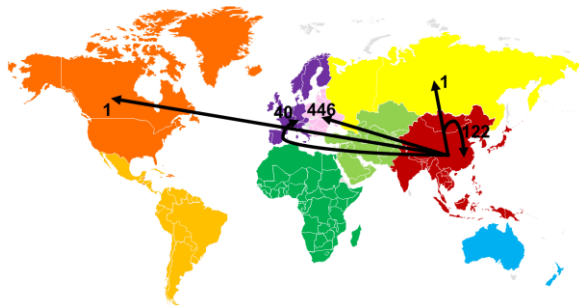


**Only 20 % (248) of the products were accurately labelled and within the anticipated concentration**





# Conclusion



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