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Cannabis vape products recalled by OLCC Products contaminated with pesticides

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) is issuing a recall for two retail vaping products produced by an OLCC licensed processor that tested positive for pesticides. The products were sold by recreational marijuana licensed retailers to consumers across the state from June 10, 2022 to January 24, 2023.

The OLCC has issued a notice to retailers to halt the sale of the affected products and is utilizing the state's Cannabis Tracking System (CTS) to prevent further distribution and sale. The products do not conform to state standards regarding cannabis product testing and therefore should **not** be sold or consumed.

The products were tested for pesticides and were found to have failed for two pesticides: Pyrethrins and Piperonyl butoxide (PBO). At this stage in the OLCC's investigation, it appears that PREE Laboratories, the OLCC licensed lab responsible for testing the products, incorrectly entered into CTS that the products had "passed" a pesticides test, when in fact the products had "failed." OLCC's investigation is continuing.

Under Oregon Health Authority (OHA) rules, cannabis products like vape cartridges cannot contain amounts of Pyrethrins greater than 1 part per million (ppm) and PBO cannot contain amounts greater than 2 ppm. The original test results showed that the impacted products contain 1.58 ppm of Pyrethrins and 58.7 ppm of PBO.

More than **1,000 units** of the **vape cartridges** were sold to **29 OLCC retailers**. According to CTS, at least **812 units** of the two affected products have been sold to consumers since the contaminated cartridges reached the licensed retail market last spring; the **retailers** still have approximately **240 units** on hand according to CTS.

As a result, the recall includes two products sold under product names produced by **Swell Companies Limited** identified below:

Product name: La Mota – **Jack Herer** vape cartridge | Manufacture Date: 6/3/2021 (Label ID 6466) | Tested Date: 5/17/2022 | Sold starting 11/11/2022

Product name: Her – **Girl's Night Out** vape cartridge | Manufacture Date: 4/27/2022 (Label ID 6114) | Tested Date: 5/17/2022 | Sold starting 07/10/2022

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Images of the recalled product packaging are attached at the bottom of this press release.

OLCC staff are continuing to work with retailer licensees to remove the products from being offered for sale and an investigation is ongoing into the cause of the issue.

Consumers who purchased the recalled products are encouraged to destroy them or contact the retailer they purchased them from to determine if they will accept a return. The OLCC has not received any health-related complaints from the use of the recalled products.

Consumers with health-related concerns about a recalled product should contact the **Oregon Poison Center at 800-222-1222**, or their medical provider. Consumers who consumed this product may experience respiratory irritation. Symptoms of respiratory irritation are coughing, wheezing, and triggering asthma symptoms in people who already have it.

If consumers have other product related complaints related to this recall, they should notify the OLCC at olcc.recalls@oregon.gov and include any information they have, including the consumer's name and phone number, or alternative means of contact.



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