

Recreational Marijuana Program

Compliance Education Bulletin

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The Oregon Liquor & Cannabis Commission is providing the following information to recreational marijuana producers and medical marijuana producers.

The bulletin is part of OLCC's compliance education. It is important that you read it and understand it. If you don't understand it, please contact the OLCC for help.

Failure to understand and follow the information contained in this bulletin *could result in an OLCC administrative violation affecting your ability to work or operate your business.*

Compliance Education Bulletin CE2023-06 covers the following issues:

- Delay in implementation of marijuana plant batch tagging in the Cannabis Tracking System.

Questions regarding the contents of this bulletin may be sent to: marijuana.cts@oregon.gov.

Batch tagging of cannabis plants for entry into Oregon's Cannabis Tracking System (CTS), also known as Metrc, **will NOT start January 1, 2024.**

Implementation of batch tagging will begin Monday, April 22, 2024

Background

Earlier in 2023 the OLCC Board of Commissioners approved rules that would have allowed OLCC licensed recreational marijuana producers to use a single tag for tracking a batch of up to, but no more than, 100 cannabis plants.

However, the State of Oregon's contract procurement process with METRC, the CTS provider, has not been completed. Once an amended contract that includes batch tagging is agreed to and in place it will take additional time for METRC and OLCC to make batch tagging operational in CTS.

For that reason, on December 14, 2023, the OLCC Commission adopted temporary rules that ***delay the start for batch tagging until April 22, 2024.***

In the meantime, OLCC producers need to ***continue to tag individual plants in Metrc at the point that they reach 36 inches tall or begin flowering,*** whichever happens first.

If a licensee expects to run short of plant tags prior to January 1, 2024, OLCC recommends placing a plant tag order with Metrc as soon as possible to ensure adequate supply of tags on hand. However, OLCC also understands the last-minute nature of this rule change – as such, OLCC does not expect licensees to make any expedited “rushed shipment” order for plant tags prior to January 1, 2024, even if that means plant tag orders won’t arrive until after that date. If licensees have questions or concerns about tag order timelines, OLCC recommends licensees contact marijuana.cts@oregon.gov.

When the batch tagging process becomes finalized OLCC will provide as much notice as possible to help producers make the transition. The delay in batch tagging implementation will also provide the OLCC with an opportunity to establish an alternative procedure for batch tagging, if system changes are not able to be made.

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