

Recreational Marijuana Program

Compliance Education Bulletin

Bulletin CE2017-09

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission is providing the following information to: Producer and Laboratory licensees.

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 rules compliance violation affecting your ability to work or operate your business.*

Bulletin CE2017-09 covers the following issue(s):

- Expiration of limited pesticide testing rule on usable marijuana as of August 29, 2017
- Updated OHA testing requirements beginning August 30, 2017

In October 2016, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission issued a finding that the pesticide testing requirement would be lowered to a minimum of one-third of batches of usable marijuana within every harvest lot, due to insufficient lab capacity.

Since that time, significant changes have occurred that have increased the lab testing capacity to ensure a steady flow of product through the supply chain. Last October, fewer than five labs were accredited to test for pesticides; today there are nearly ten such labs. Additionally, the Oregon Health Authority's most recent testing rules increased by 50% the amount of usable marijuana that can be tested together in a batch.

The OLCC's finding allowing reduced pesticide testing will expire on August 29, 2017.

Starting August 30, 2017, **every batch of usable marijuana must be tested directly for pesticides** according to the Oregon Health Authority's testing rules in order to be compliant. This includes product that was sampled prior to August 30.

Below is an outline of the usable marijuana testing rules. For full rules please see the [Oregon Health Authority's Cannabis Testing website](#).

Usable Marijuana Testing Requirements: Prior to Transfer

Producer or grower transferring to retailer:

- Must be tested for pesticides, moisture content/water activity and potency.

Producer or grower transferring to a processor (making an extract or concentrate):

- Must be tested for moisture content/water activity unless the processor is processing in a way that uses effective sterilization.

Producer or grower transferring to a processor making a marijuana product (example: tincture made from flower material and alcohol):

- Must be tested for pesticides and moisture content/water activity.

The CTS Sampling and Testing Guide will be updated by August 30 to reflect the testing requirements.

Questions about rule changes should be directed to the OLCC Recreational Marijuana Program at: marijuana@oregon.gov or by calling 503-872-5000.