



Recreational Marijuana Program Hemp Information Bulletin

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The Oregon Liquor Control Commission is providing the following information to: Oregon Department of Agriculture hemp growers and handlers (processors) with an OLCC hemp certificate.

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 HE2019-01 covers the following issues:

- **Transferring industrial hemp and hemp items into OLCC licensed marijuana system**
- **Hemp Metrc Start Up Guide**
- **Hemp Category Guide Update**
- **OLCC's Guide for Tracking Hemp in Metrc**

OLCC Commission Approves Rules to implement 2018 Hemp Legislation

On February 21, 2019, the Commission adopted rules to implement 2018 legislation related to hemp and marijuana. **These rules only affect hemp entering the OLCC system for sale at a Recreational Marijuana Retailer.** These rule amendments are effective on March 1, 2019 and make substantial changes to the way that industrial hemp and hemp items can enter the OLCC-licensed marijuana system. Industrial hemp and hemp items will still only be able to be transferred in by businesses that have a hemp registration issued by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA).

Summary of Significant Changes

- All industrial hemp and hemp items will be entered into Metrc by the ODA hemp registrant.
- All industrial hemp and hemp items must be tested by an OLCC-licensed laboratory prior to being transferred to an OLCC licensee.
- More types of consumer-ready hemp products can be transferred into the OLCC-licensed marijuana system. Previously, only industrial hemp concentrates, industrial hemp extracts, and raw industrial hemp were allowed to be transferred in.
- Hemp items (not including unprocessed or minimally-processed industrial hemp) can be transferred directly to an OLCC-licensed wholesaler or retailer, as well as to an OLCC-licensed processor with an industrial hemp endorsement. Previously, transfers were only allowed to an OLCC-licensed processor with an industrial hemp endorsement.

- There are explicit THC concentration limits for industrial hemp and hemp items being transferred to OLCC licensees.

Impact on ODA Certified Hemp Growers and Handlers

Any hemp registrant wishing to transfer hemp into the OLCC system will need to obtain an Industrial Hemp Certificate from the OLCC. Any hemp grower or hemp handler that received a hemp certificate in 2018 will need to reapply and receive a new certificate if they wish to continue transferring hemp items to OLCC licensees on or after March 1, 2019.

These certificates are available to ODA-registered Industrial Hemp Growers and ODA-registered Industrial Hemp Handlers. The privileges depend on the type of registration:

Growers

- A Commission-certified hemp grower (an ODA-registered industrial hemp grower with an Industrial Hemp Certificate issued by the OLCC) can transfer “harvested industrial hemp.” This is industrial hemp that has not been processed, or has been only minimally processed for purposes of transfer or storage. It does not include “usable hemp” that has been manicured for sale to consumers. Harvested industrial hemp can be transferred to an OLCC-licensed processor that holds an industrial hemp endorsement, or to an OLCC-licensed wholesaler.

Handlers

- A Commission-certified hemp handler (an ODA-registered industrial hemp handler with an Industrial Hemp Certificate issued by the OLCC) can transfer “hemp items.” This includes hemp flower, hemp concentrates or extracts, and hemp cannabinoid products such as hemp edibles, hemp topicals, and hemp vape cartridges. Hemp items can be transferred to an OLCC-licensed processor that holds an industrial hemp endorsement, or to an OLCC-licensed wholesaler or retailer.
- A Commission-certified hemp handler can also transfer “harvested industrial hemp” – industrial hemp that has not been processed, or has been only minimally processed for purposes of transfer or storage – to an OLCC-licensed processor that holds an industrial hemp endorsement, or to an OLCC-licensed wholesaler.

The form for obtaining an OLCC Industrial Hemp Certificate can be found [here](#) on the OLCC marijuana website under the Hemp section.

Hemp Metrc Start-Up Guide

The OLCC has created a Metrc (Cannabis Tracking System) Guide for Hemp Certificate Holders. All hemp products entering the OLCC regulated cannabis market are required to be tracked using Metrc. This guide provides hemp producers and handlers with information on how to set up a Metrc account, order tracking tags, and create the initial hemp inventory in Metrc. The guide also explains the process for initiating and completing a transfer of hemp or hemp products to an OLCC license.

You can download the Metrc Guide for Hemp Certificate Holders [here](#) from the OLCC website under the Hemp section.

Hemp Categories Updated in OLCC Guide

The new OLCC hemp rules have resulted in changes to how hemp products are categorized in the OLCC's Cannabis Tracking System. The OLCC's [Recreational Marijuana System Product and Tax Categorization Guide](#) has been updated to reflect these changes. The guide can be downloaded from the [OLCC's marijuana website](#), under the Cannabis Tracking System section.

You can download the latest OLCC's *Recreational Marijuana System Product and Tax Categorization Guide* [here](#) from the OLCC website under the Hemp section.

OLCC's Guide for Tracking Hemp in Metrc

The OLCC has created a guide for [Tracking Hemp for Sale at OLCC licensed Recreational Marijuana Retailers](#).

The Guide covers: how to bring hemp into the recreational marijuana system, creating hemp packages (for tracking) in Metrc, and testing requirements.

The Guide does not cover industrial hemp requirements outside of the OLCC recreational marijuana system.

You can download the *Guide for Tracking Hemp for Sale at OLCC licensed Recreational Marijuana Retailers* [here](#) from the OLCC marijuana website under the Hemp section.