

State of California
Department of Cannabis Control
California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Division 19
Notice of Modifications to Proposed Regulation Text:

Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Updates; Minimum Sanitation Standards

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.8(c) and section 44 of title 1 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), the Department of Cannabis Control (Department) hereby provides notice of modifications to the proposed regulation text that was the subject of public hearings on April 29, 2025, and August 5, 2025. The text of the regulations with proposed modifications is attached to this Notice.

Written Comment Period

The written comment period begins on **January 23, 2026**, and ends on **February 9, 2026**. Any interested person, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed text modifications by mail or email to:

Department of Cannabis Control
Legal Affairs Division
2920 Kilgore Road
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
E-mail: publiccomment@cannabis.ca.gov

All written comments received by **February 9, 2026**, that pertain to the proposed text modifications will be considered by the Department and summarized and responded to in the Final Statement of Reasons.

Summary of, and Rationale for, Proposed Modifications to Regulation Text

Section 15070. Unsanitary Conditions.

Section 15070, which was proposed for adoption during the second 15-day notice and amended during the third 15-day notice, is being further modified to focus on prohibiting illegal pesticide products that are labeled exclusively in a language other than English from being possessed on Department-licensed premises.

Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, part 156.10(a)(3) requires pesticide products to include all required labeling information in English in order to be registered for use. There is no circumstance in which a pesticide product labeled exclusively in a foreign language is lawful to possess or use in the United States, yet DCC inspectors are finding these products on licensed premises with increasing frequency. Some of these products are so exotic or new that not only is their presence not currently required to be

tested for under DCC regulations, but validated and reliable test methods do not yet exist. Still, it is commonly understood that many of these products are extremely dangerous to use, store, or even be around, the latter of which presents a critical health hazard for DCC inspectors who encounter these products onsite. These products present a severe danger to the health and safety of consumers who might use or consume cannabis or cannabis products that have been contaminated with illegal pesticides, but DCC's enforcement abilities are hampered by the near impossibility of confirmatory testing, which is usually determinative in product condemnation matters. Thus, DCC finds it necessary to deem conditions unsanitary, and consider all cannabis and cannabis products injuriously adulterated, at a premises where these illegal pesticides are discovered.