

State of California
Department of Cannabis Control
California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Division 19
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Action:
Multipack Cannabis Goods

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Cannabis Control (Department) proposes to adopt the amended regulations described below after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action.

Public Hearing

The Department will hold a virtual public hearing on **Tuesday, April 14, 2026**, beginning at **10:00 a.m.**

Attendees may participate via WebEx online meeting platform or telephone conferencing. To participate via WebEx online meeting platform, please contact Lilly Quynn at 1-844-612-2322 or outreach@cannabis.ca.gov by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2026, to request a link to the meeting. A link to the meeting will also be posted on the Department's website no later than 9:00 a.m. the day of the hearing.

For those who wish to attend the hearing in person, including those who require reasonable accommodations, limited seating will be available in the Department Hearing Room, 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Please contact Lilly Quynn at 1-844-612-2322 or outreach@cannabis.ca.gov by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2026, to request to attend the hearing in person or by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, if reasonable accommodations are necessary.

Participants will be given instructions on how to provide oral comment once they have accessed the hearing. The hearing will proceed on the dates noted above until all testimony is submitted or 12:00 p.m., whichever is later. At the hearing, any person may present oral or written statements or arguments relevant to the proposed action. The Department requests, but does not require, that persons who make oral comments at the hearing also submit a written copy of their testimony via email.

Written Comment Period

Any interested person, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action 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

The written comment period closes on **Monday, April 13, 2026**. To be considered by the Department, a comment must be received by **April 13, 2026**.

Authority

Business and Professions Code sections 26013 and 26130.

Reference

Business and Professions Code sections 26011.5, 26070, 26100, 26104, 26110, and 26120.

Informative Digest / Policy Statement Overview

Summary of Existing Laws and Effect of the Proposed Action

The Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 26000 et seq.) generally governs commercial cannabis activity in California. The provisions of California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 4, division 19 further implement, interpret, and make specific many MAUCRSA statutes. These existing laws establish testing requirements for cannabis goods, require specific labeling information, and provide for tracking the movement of cannabis goods throughout the supply chain. The changes proposed in this rulemaking action would establish a new category of cannabis good and provide testing, labeling, and tracking requirements associated with the new category.

Evaluation of Inconsistency with Federal Laws

The United States Drug Enforcement Administration lists cannabis as a Schedule 1 Drug under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 812). This means that commercial cannabis activity is illegal under federal law. However, California, through the MAUCRSA and other laws, has decriminalized the cultivation, sale, and possession of cannabis goods for persons aged 21 or older and for medicinal patients.

Objectives and Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulations

The objective of this proposed regulation is to provide a compliant pathway for cannabis licensees to meet consumer demand for an expanded variety of products, while ensuring proper public health and safety guards remain in place. The proposed regulations will support the legal cannabis market by providing licensees with additional flexibility in the types of cannabis goods they may produce and sell. At the same time, customers will have access to a wider array of cannabis goods that may be more

desirable or convenient than the cannabis goods that are currently being sold. The proposed regulations will ensure that the regulatory laboratory testing requirements currently applied to cannabis goods can also effectively be applied to multipack cannabis goods.

Evaluation of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations

After careful evaluation, the Department has determined that the proposed changes are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing regulations.

Disclosures Regarding the Proposed Action

The Department has made the following initial determinations:

- Mandate on local agencies or school districts: None.
- Cost to any local agency or school district required to be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code sections 17500 through 17630: None.
- Cost or savings to any state agency: The Department will incur costs of approximately \$250,000 to update the track and trace system to account for the additional product category. Costs are absorbable within existing budgetary authority. The proposed regulations are not expected to have any fiscal impact on any other state agency.
- Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed upon local agencies: None.
- Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: None.
- Effect on housing costs: None.
- Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: None.
- Cost impacts on a representative private person or business: \$800 in initial costs and up to \$2,600 in ongoing annual costs for businesses that choose to produce multipacks.

Results of the Economic Impact Assessment

The Department believes this proposal will result in an increase of approximately 260 jobs and will not result in the loss of any jobs. The Department believes that the proposed regulations would not result in the creation or elimination of businesses in California. The Department believes the proposed regulations would encourage the expansion of businesses in the State by increasing retail sales of cannabis, which would bring opportunities for expansion for all businesses in the licensed cannabis supply chain.

The Department believes the proposed regulations would benefit the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment by making the licensed market more competitive with the unlicensed market. The licensed market participants follow health and safety protocols, worker safety requirements, and environmental protection regulations, while the unlicensed market participants do not. To the extent that unlicensed cannabis operations cause negative environmental impacts as well as other social costs, the proposed regulations would indirectly benefit California's workers, environment, and public health and welfare.

Determination of Effect on Small Business

The proposed regulations would affect approximately 2,736 businesses, approximately 97 percent of which are estimated by the Department to be small businesses. These businesses include licensed cannabis manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and testing laboratories.

Consideration of Alternatives

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the Department must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policies or other provisions of law.

Contact Persons

Inquiries concerning the proposed rulemaking action may be directed to:

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The backup contact person for these inquiries is:

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Availability of the Initial Statement of Reasons, Proposed Regulation Text, and Rulemaking File

The Department will make the entire rulemaking file, including all documents relied upon, available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at its office at the above address. As of the date this Notice is published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of this Notice, the proposed text of the regulations, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the STD. 399. Please direct requests to inspect or copy the rulemaking file to the contact person(s) listed above.

Availability of Changed or Modified Text

After considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Department may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the Department makes modifications that are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before adopting the regulations as revised. Please direct requests for copies of any modified regulations to the contact person(s) listed above. The Department will accept written comments on the modified regulations for the duration of the period of public availability.

Availability of the Final Statement of Reasons

Upon its completion, the Department will make copies of the Final Statement of Reasons available. Please direct requests for copies to the contact person(s) listed above.

Availability of Documents on the Internet

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the text of the regulations with modifications highlighted, as well as the Final Statement of Reasons, when completed, and modified text and notices thereof, if any, may be accessed via the Department's website at <https://www.cannabis.ca.gov/cannabis-laws/rulemaking/>.