

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

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 hearing on July 29, 2025. The text of the regulations with proposed modifications is attached to this Notice.

Beginning April 13, 2026, this document is available for public inspection on the Department's website at <https://www.cannabis.ca.gov/cannabis-laws/rulemaking/dcc-2025-03-r-pesticide-updates/>, by request made to a Department contact person identified in the Notice of Proposed Action, or between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the following address:

Department of Cannabis Control
Legal Affairs Division
2920 Kilgore Road
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Written Comment Period

The written comment period begins on April 13, 2026, and ends on April 28, 2026. Any interested person, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the indicated changes by mail or email to:

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E-mail: publiccomment@cannabis.ca.gov

All written comments received by April 28, 2026, that pertain to the indicated changes 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

The Department is proposing modified text to increase the action levels for several analytes in accordance with the recommendations of the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) in the August 2025 memo, which was added to the rulemaking file during the prior public comment period. As DPR is the department tasked in Business and Professions Code section 26060(c) with the responsibility for developing guidelines for pesticide residues, the Department has determined that it is appropriate to defer to DPR's expertise regarding levels of contaminants. Therefore, the Department has proposed modified text to adopt the action levels recommended by DPR.

In addition, the text has been modified to remove the requirement to test for 1,2,3,6-Tetrahydrophthalimide (THPI), a degradate of Captan, in Phase I. The requirement to test for this analyte will become effective in Phase II. Public comment noted that because laboratories currently do not have to test for THPI implementation time will be necessary to establish test methods. The Department agrees with this assessment and has modified the text accordingly.