

## Notice of Emergency Decision and Order

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17815, and Government Code section 11460.40, the Department of Cannabis Control (Department) is providing notice to PG EMPIRE LLC (Licensee) and owners Josiah Larkin and Shadi Mansour, that at 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2025, the attached Emergency Decision and Order will become effective. The Emergency Decision and Order suspends PG EMPIRE LLC, license number C9-0000541-LIC, and orders the licensee and its owners to cease all commercial cannabis activity pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17815, subdivision (b)(1), at the following location:

300 Pendleton Way  
Oakland, CA 94621

You have the right to be heard before the Director of the Department of Cannabis Control (Director), or her designee, regarding the allegations in the Emergency Decision and Order, prior to the effective date of the Emergency Decision and Order pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17815, subdivision (h), when practicable. If you would like to be heard before the Director, or her designee, please submit a written request by email to [Bob.Topping@cannabis.ca.gov](mailto:Bob.Topping@cannabis.ca.gov). Unless the Department receives your request by 5:00 p.m. on January 17, 2025, you will be deemed to have waived your right to be heard before the Director, or her designee.

If requested, the hearing before the Director, or her designee, will be held on January 21, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., at the Department of Cannabis Control located at 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 or via online video conferencing. You may submit documentation regarding the allegations in the Emergency Decision and Order prior to or during the hearing, if one is requested.

Within 10 days after the effective date of the Emergency Decision and Order, the Department will file an Accusation on the charges and allegations set forth in the Emergency Decision and Order. The adjudicative proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of part 1 of division 3 of title 2 of the Government Code.

Upon issuance of the Emergency Decision and Order, you have the right under Government Code section 11460.80 to obtain judicial review of the Emergency Decision and Order.

The Emergency Decision and Order shall remain in effect until such time as the Accusation has been fully adjudicated or upon issuance of the final decision and order following judicial review.

**Jose Barajas**

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Jose Barajas, Assistant Branch Chief  
Compliance Division  
Department of Cannabis Control

## Emergency Decision and Order

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17815, and article 13 (commencing with section 11460.10) of Chapter 4.5 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, the Department of Cannabis Control issues the following Emergency Decision and Order:

The Department of Cannabis Control hereby SUSPENDS the license of PG EMPIRE LLC, license number C9-0000541-LIC, (Licensee) and orders Licensee, and owners Josiah Larkin (Larkin) and Shadi Mansour (Mansour), to **CEASE ALL COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY, CEASE ALL MOVEMENT OF CANNABIS GOODS TO AND FROM THE PREMISES, and CEASE ALL SALES OF CANNABIS GOODS**, at the following location or any other location or activity associated with the license, **effective at 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2025**:

**300 Pendleton Way  
Oakland, CA 94621**

This order is based on an immediate danger to the public health, safety, and welfare. Specifically, as set forth in the attached Declaration of Denis Rakitskiy, there is evidence of the sale, transfer, or transport of illegal cannabis goods in possession of the Licensee, and evidence of the illegal diversion of cannabis goods. The Department of Cannabis Control has determined that this order is necessary to prevent the sale, transfer, or transport of illegal cannabis goods in possession of the Licensee and to prevent the illegal diversion of cannabis goods, based on the following:

- Cannabis goods were being stored at Mansour's residence as a general practice, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15000.1, subdivision (a) and (c), and 15000.3, subdivision (b) and Business and Professions Code section 26039.5, subdivision (a)(1). Licensee is unlawfully selling, holding, and delivering misbranded cannabis goods in violation of Business and Professions Code section 26039.5, subdivisions (b) and (d).
- Distribution activities for which the Licensee was not licensed were occurring on the non-storefront retail premises, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 15000.1, subdivisions (b) and (c).
- Sales of cannabis goods had not been reported or recorded in the California Cannabis Track and Trace System (CCTT or Metrc) for over 12 months, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15047.2, subdivisions (b) and (c), 15049 and 15049.3.
- Licensee was generating outgoing transfer manifests of cannabis goods to licensed distributors, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15000.1, subdivisions (b) and (c), and 15414.
- Licensee's physical inventory did not reconcile with its Metrc account inventory, with the Licensee confirming that cannabis goods physically received at the licensed premises

were transported and stored at another location that is not the licensed premises, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15000.1, subdivisions (a) and (c), 15049, and 15051.

This circumstance requires immediate action by the Department of Cannabis Control to protect the public health, safety, or welfare, and prevent illegal diversion or inversion of cannabis goods, prevent the sale, transfer, or transport of illegal cannabis goods in possession of the licensee, and prevent misbranded cannabis goods from entering the cannabis market.

While the license is suspended, you must comply with the provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17816 and conspicuously and continuously display the Notice of Suspension, provided with this Notice, on the exterior of the premises referenced in this Notice. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in further disciplinary action.

You have the right to be heard before the Director of the Department of Cannabis Control, or her designee, regarding the allegations in the Emergency Decision and Order, prior to the effective date of the Emergency Decision and Order, when practicable. The attached Notice of Emergency Decision and Order provides details on how to request a hearing, as well as a hearing date should one be requested.

Within 10 days after the effective date of the Emergency Decision and Order, the Department will file an Accusation on the charges and allegations set forth in the Emergency Decision and Order. The adjudicative proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of part 1 of division 3 of title 2 of the Government Code.

The Emergency Decision and Order, effective at 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2025, shall remain in effect until such time as the Accusation has been fully adjudicated or upon issuance of the final decision and order following judicial review if obtained pursuant to Government Code section 11460.80.

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