



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 Matada, LLC (Licensee) and owners Adam Agathakis, Jaime Alefosio, Edward Manolos, John Nguyen, and Christopher Sarkissian, that at 10:00 a.m. on January 27, 2026, the attached Emergency Decision and Order will become effective. The Emergency Decision and Order suspends Matada, LLC's license numbers **C11-0000574 AND CCL19-0001066**, and orders 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:

**2417 East 25th Street
Vernon, CA**

You have the right to be heard before the Director of the Department of Cannabis Control (Director), or his 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 his designee, please submit a written request by email to Jennifer.Ostrowski@cannabis.ca.gov. Unless the Department receives your request by 5:00 p.m. on January 30, 2026, you will be deemed to have waived your right to be heard before the Director, or his designee.

If requested, the hearing before the Director, or his designee, will be held on February 3, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., 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.

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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 licenses of Matada, LLC, license numbers C11-0000574 AND CCL19-0001066 (Licensee), and orders Licensee, and owners Adam Agathakis, Jaime Alefosio, Edward Manolos, John Nguyen, and Christopher Sarkissian, 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 10:00 a.m. on January 27, 2026:**

**2417 East 25th Street
Vernon, CA**

This order is based on an immediate danger to the public health, safety, and welfare. Specifically, as set forth in the attached Declaration of Jennifer Ostrowski, there is evidence that Licensee is engaging in the illegal diversion of cannabis or 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 Licensee's possession and to prevent the illegal diversion of cannabis goods, based on the following:

- Licensee failed to provide the Department with full and immediate access to the licensed premises for purposes of conducting a regulatory inspection at the licensed premises, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15000.3, subdivision (d) and 17800, subdivision (a).
- Licensee failed to participate and cooperate in the inspection and investigation and refused to respond to the Department's inquiries or requests for contact and access, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17800, subdivision (b).
- Licensee created and backdated METRC manifest 0010144860 for the transfer of five packages amounting to approximately 6,036 pounds of trim, in violation of Business and Professions Code section 26070, subdivisions (e) and (i), and California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15049.2, subdivision (a) and 15314, subdivisions (a) and (b).



- Licensee's physical inventory did not reconcile with its METRC account inventory, with about 51 packages, amounting to approximately 13,766 pounds of cannabis shake and flower, reported in METRC as held in inventory on Licensee's premises, but no actual cannabis being located during the Department's on-site inspection, and was unable to account for this missing inventory, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15049, 15051, and 15309.
- Licensee transferred or assigned its license to another person or entity without Department approval, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 15000.1, subdivision (e).
- Licensee refused, impeded, obstructed and/or interfered with the Department's inspection of premises and records by failing to provide the Department with records related to its commercial cannabis activity upon request, including video surveillance camera footage, access logs, sales invoices, and transport records, in violation of Business and Professions Code section 26160, subdivisions (a)-(e), and California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15044, subdivision (i), 15037, subdivision (a), and 15312, subdivision (a).

These circumstances require immediate action by the Department of Cannabis Control to protect the public health, safety, or welfare, and prevent the illegal diversion of cannabis goods from entering the cannabis market.

While the licenses are 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 his 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 10:00 a.m. on January 27, 2026, 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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