

2022 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MEDICAL PACKAGING AND LABELING REQUIREMENTS

BOTH MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ARE LEGAL IN D.C., BUT RECREATIONAL SALES ARE STILL ILLEGAL.

PRE-APPROVAL: A dispensary shall submit its labeling to the Mayor for approval and record. The Mayor shall transmit the final dispensary labeling designs to the Municipal Police Department.

LABELING:

Medical marijuana provided by the dispensary to a qualifying patient or a designated caregiver must be

Medical marijuana containers must be labeled with the following:

1. The name of the cultivation center and the manufacture date;
2. The name of the dispensary;
3. The quantity of medical marijuana in the container;labeled with:
4. The cannabinoid profile, including the THC level;
5. A list of any other ingredients besides medical marijuana;
6. The name of the recommending physician;
7. The dispensing date;
8. The qualifying patient's name and registration card number; and
9. A statement that the product is for
 - a) medical use,
 - b)not for resale or transfer to another person, and
 - c) the following language: "Contains Marijuana. Keep out of the reach of children."
10. In addition, edibles and infused products must be labeled clearly and unambiguously as medical marijuana;

INGREDIENTS/ALLERGENS LIST: The label shall include all ingredients contained in the product, in order from most abundant to least abundant. The label for ingestible items shall identify potential major allergens.

REQUIRED WARNING: "There may be health risks associated with the ingestion or use of this product." Please consult your physician if you have any questions or concerns.

ADDITIVES/PESTICIDES LIST: The label shall include a list of all chemical additives, including pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers that were used in cultivation and production.

TRADE NAMES, PRODUCT NAMES: A cultivation center may place a trade or product name on the medical marijuana container prior to transporting it to a dispensary.

PROHIBITIONS: The label shall not contain any of the following:

1. False or misleading statements or design. Any seal, flag, crest, coat of arms, or other insignia likely to mislead the patient to believe that the product has been endorsed, made, or used by the District government.
2. The words "candy" or "candies" on the product, packaging, or labeling.
3. Any content, image, or labeling that may appeal to or that specifically targets individuals under 21, including but not limited to, cartoon characters or similar images on the product, packaging, or container.
4. A cultivation center or dispensary shall not alter, obliterate, or destroy any label attached to a medical marijuana container.

INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL STANDARDS: In addition to the other labeling requirements, all edible marijuana products, and marijuana infused products shall be labeled in accordance with 16 C.F.R. Part 1700 (2016), Poison prevention packaging; 21 C.F.R. Part 101 (2016), Food Labeling, as specified in Section 1102 of the District Food Code Regulations (Title 25-A DCMR).

PACKAGING:

Medical marijuana must be dispensed in a sealed and labeled container. Edibles and infused product packaging must be child resistant, tamper resistant and not presented in packaging or with labeling that is appealing to children.

Packaging and labeling of edibles and infused products shall not bear any:

1. Resemblance to the trademarked, characteristic or product-specialized packaging of any commercially available candy, snack, baked good or beverage;
2. Statement, artwork or design that could reasonably mislead any person to believe that the package contains anything other than an edible medical marijuana product or medical marijuana- infused product;
or
3. Seal, flag, crest, coat of arms, or other insignia that could reasonably mislead any person to believe that the product has been endorsed, manufactured, or used by any state, county or municipality or any agency thereof.

DISCLAIMER: THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ACCURATE, BUT ARE NOT ALL-INCLUSIVE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THEY SHOULD NOT BE RELIED UPON FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO PACKAGING AND LABELING IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.