



2022 MASSACHUSETTS Packaging and Labeling Requirements For Adult Use Marijuana and Marijuana Products

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Taken from 935 Mass. Regs. 500.105(5) et seq and 500.150

[The Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission approved new regulations for the adult and medical use programs on September 24, 2019. The medical use requirements are not included here.](#)

[A NOTE ON DEFINITIONS: Unlike in other jurisdictions where there is a distinction made between the terms “marijuana”, meaning flower, prerolls, etc., and manufactured “marijuana products”, in Massachusetts these terms are defined to include each other and are sometimes, but not always, used interchangeably.](#)

LIMITATIONS ON USE OF LOGOS: Logos may be used but may not include medical symbols, images of marijuana or marijuana paraphernalia or “colloquial references” to marijuana.

LIMITATIONS ON CLAIMS OF HEALTH OR THERAPEUTIC BENEFITS: Any health or therapeutic benefit claims must be approved by the Cannabis Control Commission. In addition, Massachusetts has strong consumer protection laws that can be enforced by individual consumers.

PACKAGING

- Marijuana and Marijuana Products must be sold in child-resistant packaging.
- Containers must be opaque and plain in design.
- Resealable for multiple servings or uses
- Containers must be “certified CR” or, if that is “unreasonably impracticable”, products must be placed in a certified, CR resealable exit package that includes the following statement, all in caps and in at least ten-point Times New Roman, Helvetica or Arial font: “KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.”
- Packaging and Labeling may not use bright colors, be attractive minors, or resemble other consumer products typically marketed to minors, and may not feature images of minors, cartoons, or words, symbols or celebrities used to market products to minors.
- Packaging for multiple serving products must include the following statement on the exterior of the package in at least ten-point Times New Roman, Helvetica or Arial, including capitalization: “INCLUDES MULTIPLE SERVINGS”.
- Products in solid form must be easily divisible into single servings. Edibles in solid form must be permanently scored to identify individual servings or, if they are not, the product must be packaged in a single serving size (5mg). Beverages must be packaged in single servings only (5 mg).

- Each single serving edible in a multiple-serving package must be marked, stamped or otherwise imprinted with the symbol for a marijuana product. Serving size is determined by the processor (not more than 5 mgs THC).
- Packaging and Labeling may be submitted for pre-approved by the Commission.

LABELING

Minimum text size is 1/16 of an inch (4.5 pts).

Small containers: In circumstances where specified labeling of the product is unreasonable or impractical, a marijuana establishment may include labeling information on a peel-back label or may place the product in a sealed bag with an insert or additional, easily readable label firmly affixed to that bag.

General labeling requirements:

1. Non-manufactured products, such as flower, must be labeled with the name and registration number of the cultivator and packager as well as the retailer's telephone number, email address, and website, if any. All other products must be labeled with the manufacturer's name, registration number, telephone number, email address, and website information, if any.
2. Net weight or volume in US customary and metric units
3. For products other than flower, the name of the product ("product identity") and the type of marijuana used to produce the product, including what, if any, processing technique or solvents were used
4. For products other than flower, directions for use
5. The full cannabinoid profile of the marijuana contained within the product, including the amount of THC and other cannabinoids in the package, and in each serving, expressed in absolute terms and as a "percentage of volume".
5. For products other than flower, an ingredients list that includes the full cannabinoid profile, including a warning if nuts or other major allergens are contained in the product
6. A contaminants testing statement and seal
7. The following statement, including capitalization: "This product has not been analyzed or approved by the FDA. There is limited information on the side effects of using this product, and there may be associated health risks. Marijuana use during pregnancy and breast-feeding may pose potential harms. It is against the law to drive or operate machinery when under the influence of this product. KEEP THIS PRODUCT AWAY FROM CHILDREN.";
8. The date of packaging or manufacture and, if applicable, the use-by or expiration dates
9. The batch number, sequential serial number, and bar code when used
10. The Massachusetts marijuana product symbol
11. The Massachusetts "harmful to children" symbol

In addition, **Edibles** must be labeled with:

1. Whether refrigeration is required
2. The quantity, in ounces, of marijuana contained in the product
4. The suggested serving size in milligrams and the number of servings per package
5. The amount, in grams, of sodium, sugar, carbohydrates and total fat per serving
6. This statement: "The impairment effects of edible products may be delayed by two hours or more".

In addition **Concentrates and Extracts** must be labeled with:

1. The word "concentrate" or "extract" included in the product identity
2. The ingredients list must include the amount of specific additives infused or incorporated during the manufacturing process, whether active or inactive, including, but not limited to, thickening agents, thinning agents, and specific terpenes, expressed in absolute terms and as a "percentage of volume".
3. A statement of the amount suggested for use or the suggested serving size and the number of servings per container

Marijuana Infused Tinctures are concentrates, but are not considered to be edibles or beverages, so the rules applicable to those products don't apply to tinctures. A single container of tinctures may contain up to 1,000 mg of THC, with a single serving size specified by the manufacturer, but which cannot exceed 5 mg. The Cannabis Control Commission recommends packaging tinctures with a dropper marked with measured doses up to the 5 mg per serving limit.

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 MASSACHUSETTS.