

2018 California Emergency Cannabis Regulations

Label and Packaging Requirements

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Applicability

- The requirements in this subchapter shall apply to finished cannabis products and shall not apply to cannabis or cannabis products that are transferred between licensees for purpose of further processing or packaging.
- Except as otherwise provided in Section 40601, the requirements of this subchapter shall apply to any cannabis product manufactured on or after January 1, 2018.

Labeling Requirements

- General Provisions
 - Any information required to be listed on a label shall be written in English.
 - A label shall be **unobstructed and conspicuous** so that it can be read by the consumer.
 - All required label information shall be located on the outside container or wrapper of the finished product to be sold at a retailer.

Primary Panel Labeling Requirements: All Products

The label for a cannabis product shall include a primary panel that includes the following information:

- The identity of the product in a text size reasonably related to the most prominent printed matter on the panel;
- The universal symbol as prescribed in Section 40412;
- The net weight or volume of the contents of the package;
- The **THC content and CBD content** for the package in its entirety, expressed in milligrams per package;

The primary panel text must be in type size no less than 6 point font and be in relation to the size of the primary panel and container.

Nothing in this section prohibits the inclusion of additional information on the primary panel. The content of other cannabinoids or terpenes may be included if such information is verified by the certificate of analysis issued by a licensed testing laboratory.

Additional Primary Panel Labeling Requirements: Edible Products

In addition to the requirements of Section 40405, the primary panel of an edible cannabis product shall include the following information:

- The words "cannabis-infused" immediately above the identity of the product in bold type and a text size larger than the text size used for the identity of the product.
- The THC content and CBD content per serving, expressed in milligrams per serving

Informational Panel Labeling Requirements

- The label for a cannabis product shall include an informational panel that includes the following:
 - The licensed manufacturer and its contact number or website address;
 - The date of the cannabis product's manufacture;
 - The following statement: "GOVERNMENT WARNING: THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS CANNABIS, A SCHEDULE I CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN AND ANIMALS. CANNABIS PRODUCTS MAY ONLY BE POSSESSED OR CONSUMED BY PERSONS 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER UNLESS THE PERSON IS A QUALIFIED PATIENT. THE INTOXICATING EFFECTS OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS MAY BE DELAYED UP TO TWO HOURS. CANNABIS USE WHILE PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING MAY BE HARMFUL. CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS IMPAIRS YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE AND OPERATE MACHINERY. PLEASE USE EXTREME CAUTION.

Informational Panel Labeling Requirements (continued)

- If the cannabis product is **intended for sale in the medicinal-use market**, the statement "For Medicinal Use Only;"
- A list of all product ingredients in descending order of predominance by weight or volume;
- If an edible product that contains an ingredient, flavoring, coloring, or an incidental additive that bears or contains a major food allergen, the word "contains," followed by a list of the applicable major food allergens;
- If an edible product, the names of any artificial food colorings contained in the product;
- If an edible product, the amount, in grams, of sodium, sugar, carbohydrates, and total fat per serving;
- **Instructions for use**, such as the method of consumption or application, and any preparation necessary prior to use;
- The product expiration date, "use by" date, or "best by" date, if any; and
- The UID and, if used, the batch number
- The informational panel text shall be in a type size of **no less than 6 point font and in relation to the size of the primary panel and container**, unless there is insufficient area on the container available to print all the required information in a type size of no less than 6 point font. In such a case, the label shall include the warning statements required by paragraph (3) in a type size of no less than 6 point font, and the product shall be accompanied by a supplemental labeling that includes all of the information required by this section. The text of the supplemental labeling shall be no less than 8 point font.

Labeling Restrictions

- The label shall not contain any of the following:
 - Claims that the cannabis product was produced from cannabis grown in a California county when the cannabis was not grown there.
 - The name of a California county unless the cannabis used in the product was grown there.
 - Content that is or designed to be attractive to individuals under the age of 21, including but not limited to:
 - Cartoons
 - Any likeness to images, characters, or phrases that are popularly used to advertise to children;
 - Any imitation of candy packaging or labeling; or
 - The terms "candy" or "candies."
 - Any information that is false or misleading

 Any health-related statement that is untrue or misleading. Any health-related statement must be supported by the totality of publicly available scientific evidence (including evidence from well-designed studies conducted in a manner which is consistent with generally recognized scientific procedures and principles), and for which there is significant scientific agreement, among experts qualified by scientific training and experience to evaluate such claims.

Statement of Potential Side Effects

 Pursuant to section 26130(c) of the Act, a cannabis product may include information on the potential effects of the cannabis product if the manufacturer has substantiation that the information is truthful and not misleading. Such information may be located on the informational panel of the label or as an insert included in the product package. For purposes of this section, "potential effect" includes any physiological effect common to or expected from the particular cannabis strain, but excludes any claim of health benefits.

Universal Symbol

The primary panel of a cannabis product shall be marked, stamped, or otherwise imprinted with the universal symbol.

• The symbol shall replicate the following in form and color:



• The symbol shall be no smaller in size than half (.5) inch by half (.5) inch and shall be printed legibly and conspicuously.

Packaging

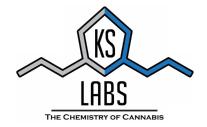
A package used to contain a cannabis product shall adhere to the following requirements:

- The package shall protect the **product from contamination** and shall not expose the product to any toxic or harmful substance.
- The package shall be **tamper-evident**, which means that the product shall be packaged in packaging that is sealed so that the contents cannot be opened without obvious destruction of the seal.
- The package shall be **child-resistant**, which means the package shall be designed or constructed to be significantly difficult for children under five years of age to open or otherwise obtain access to the product contained therein within a reasonable time, and shall not be difficult for normal adults to open or obtain access to the product contained therein. A package shall be deemed child-resistant if it satisfies the standard for "special packaging" as set forth in the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 Regulations (16 C.F.R. §1700.1(b)(4)).

Packaging (continued)

- The package shall not imitate any package used for products typically marketed to children.
- If the product is an edible product, the package shall be opaque.
- If the package contains more than one serving of cannabis product, the package shall be re-sealable so that child-resistance is maintained throughout the life of the package.

Contact us for additional information or to determine if your products labeling is compliant



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