

**Sec. 21a-408-55. Minimum requirements for the storage and handling of marijuana by producers**

(a) All production facilities shall:

(1) Have storage areas that provide adequate lighting, ventilation, temperature, sanitation, humidity, space, equipment, and security conditions for the production and manufacture of marijuana;

(2) Separate for storage, in a quarantined area, marijuana that is outdated, damaged, deteriorated, misbranded, or adulterated, or whose containers or packaging have been opened or breached, until such marijuana is destroyed;

(3) Be maintained in a clean and orderly condition; and

(4) Be free from infestation by insects, rodents, birds, or vermin of any kind.

(b) Any area within the production facility where marijuana will be manufactured into an edible form shall comply with the Connecticut Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, sections 21a-91 to 21a-120, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes and sections 21a-151 to 21a-159, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, regarding bakeries and food manufacturing establishments.

(c) A producer shall compartmentalize all areas in the production facility based on function and shall restrict access between compartments. The producer shall establish, maintain and comply with written policies and procedures, approved by the commissioner, regarding best practices for the secure and proper production and manufacturing of marijuana. These shall include, but not be limited to, policies and procedures that:

(1) Restrict movement between production compartments;

(2) Provide for different colored identification cards for production facility employees based on the production compartment to which they are assigned at a given time so as to ensure that only employees necessary for a production function have access to that compartment of the production facility;

(3) Require pocketless clothing for all production facility employees working in an area containing marijuana; and

(4) Document the chain of custody of all marijuana and marijuana products.

(d) Producers shall establish, maintain, and comply with written policies and procedures, approved by the commissioner, for the manufacture, security, storage, inventory, and distribution of marijuana. Such policies and procedures shall include methods for identifying, recording, and reporting diversion, theft or loss, and for correcting all errors and inaccuracies in inventories. Producers shall include in their written policies and procedures, a process for the following:

(1) Handling mandatory and voluntary recalls of marijuana products. Such process shall be adequate to deal with recalls due to any action initiated at the request of the commissioner and any voluntary action by the producer to remove defective or potentially defective marijuana products from the market or any action undertaken to promote public health and safety by replacing existing marijuana products with improved products or packaging;

(2) Preparing for, protecting against, and handling any crisis that affects the security or operation of any facility in the event of strike, fire, flood, or other natural disaster, or other situations of local, state, or national emergency;

(3) Ensuring that any outdated, damaged, deteriorated, misbranded, or adulterated

marijuana is segregated from all other marijuana and destroyed. This procedure shall provide for written documentation of the marijuana disposition; and

(4) Ensuring the oldest stock of a marijuana product is distributed first. The procedure may permit deviation from this requirement, if such deviation is temporary and appropriate.

(e) A producer shall store all marijuana in the process of manufacture, distribution, transfer, or analysis in such a manner as to prevent diversion, theft or loss, shall make marijuana accessible only to the minimum number of specifically authorized employees essential for efficient operation, and shall return marijuana to its secure location immediately after completion of the process or at the end of the scheduled business day. If a manufacturing process cannot be completed at the end of a working day, the producer shall securely lock the processing area or tanks, vessels, bins, or bulk containers containing marijuana inside an area or building that affords adequate security.

(f) No person, except production facility employees, authorized law enforcement, the commissioner, or Drug Control Division authorized staff shall be allowed on the premises of a production facility, except that:

(1) Laboratory staff may enter a production facility for the sole purpose of identifying and collecting marijuana samples for purposes of conducting laboratory tests; and

(2) Upon prior written request, the commissioner may permit other persons to enter a production facility.

(g) (1) All persons who are not production facility employees, but who are permitted on the premises of a production facility pursuant to subsection (f)(1) or (2) of this section, shall obtain a visitor identification badge from a production facility employee, prior to entering the production facility. A production facility employee shall escort and monitor visitors at all times. A visitor shall visibly display the visitor identification badge at all times the visitor is in the production facility. A visitor shall return the visitor identification badge to a production facility employee upon exiting the production facility.

(2) The producer shall log all visitors in and out, and shall maintain a log that includes the date, time and purpose of the visit. A producer shall maintain such log and make it available in accordance with section 21a-408-72 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(3) If an emergency requires the presence of a visitor and makes it impractical to obtain permission pursuant to subsection (f)(2) of this section, the producer shall provide written notice to the commissioner as soon as practicable after the onset of the emergency. Such notice shall include the name and company affiliation of the visitor, the purpose of the visit, and the date and time of the visit. A producer shall monitor the visitor and maintain a log of such visit as required by this subsection.

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