

**Notice of Decision to Take Action
On Proposed Regulation**

Re: Regulation Concerning Moderate-THC Hemp Vendors, PR2025-010

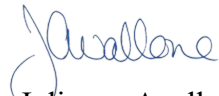
The Department of Consumer Protection opened a public comment period from July 22, 2025 through August 25, 2025 to solicit public input regarding proposed regulations concerning Moderate-THC Hemp Vendors.

The purpose of the proposed regulations is to establish regulations for the holders of a Moderate-THC Hemp Vendor license in accordance with Section 21a-426 of the general statutes. These proposed regulations are purposed to provide the provisions necessary to operationalize Connecticut's Moderate-THC Hemp Product industry, including the parameters by which persons licensed by the Department shall operate. Importantly, these proposed regulations set forth consumer protections including business audit capabilities, product quality, and safeguards for minors.

The document attached summarizes the comments received and the Department's intended revisions of the proposed regulations in response.

The proposed regulations will be published on the website of the Secretary of the State. The Department will continue the process by forwarding these regulations to the Office of the Attorney General for review. Thank you for your interest in this proposed regulation and the work of the Department of Consumer Protection.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Avallone", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julianne Avallone
Legal Director

Dated: September 5, 2025

**Proposed Amendments to Regulation Concerning Moderate-THC Hemp Vendor
Summary of Public Comments and DCP Response
September 5, 2025**

The Department of Consumer Protection (“Department”) received one comment from the public in response to these proposed regulations from Doctors for Drug Policy Reform.

Universal Symbol

The sole commentor proposed an alternative symbol design. The commentor did not provide any research, data, or focus group related studies about the effectiveness of the proposed symbol. It was also not clear if the proposed alternative symbol was proprietary in nature and would have fiscal implications on the state or other liabilities for its use. While a few states and ASTM appear to have adopted the symbol in the cannabis context, it has not been adopted consistently by state regulators in such way that would be indicative of standardization amongst regulators. Additionally, this symbol seems to be connoted with cannabis, which is distinct from Moderate-THC Hemp Products, and thus utilizing such a symbol would be likely to cause undue confusion in the marketplace.