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RULE UPDATES – Packaging and Labeling

The Division of Cannabis Control (DCC or Division) is issuing [guidance](#) to all licensees regarding packaging and labeling requirements for cannabis intended for direct customer sale, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) [1301:18-4-19](#), [1301:18-4-20](#), [1301:18-4-21](#), and [1301:18-4-23](#).

Beginning **June 1, 2027**, all cannabis transferred to a dispensary for direct customer sale must be compliant with these rules for packaging and labeling.

Below is a summary of some notable updates:

- **Light Resistance:** Licensees are no longer required to assert that their packaging is light resistant; however, all packaging must maintain the integrity and stability of the cannabis contained within it.
- **Product Display:** The following information must be prominently, conspicuously, clearly, and plainly displayed, in an unobstructed manner when viewing the package:
 - The **name of the product**.
 - The **universal THC symbol**.
 - The **DCC seal**.
 - For edible products, the phrase **“cannabis-infused” or “marijuana-infused.”**
- **Packaging Licensee:** If different from the harvesting or manufacturing licensee, the label must contain the name and license number of the licensee that packaged the final product.
- **THC Range:** A THC range, as prescribed in the guidance, must be provided on labels for Flower/Bud, Shake/Trim, and Raw Single Serving Units. No packaging, labeling, or advertising for these products may include any other THC content (total or listed by cannabinoid), or any sum total of terpenes or cannabinoids.
- **Top 3 Terpenes:** At a minimum, the top three terpenes (as evidenced by state-required final testing) are required to be listed for products for smoking/combustion/vaporization.

- **Expiration Date:** The expiration date is no longer required for plant material products. The expiration date is only required for manufactured products and may not exceed one year from the date the final form cannabis product was manufactured.
- **Servings:** The serving size and number of servings per package are required on the label for all manufactured products, with the exception of products for smoking, vaporization, or combustion. For a multi-pack, the number of units in the package is required.
- **Seeds, Clones, and Live Plants:** Final packaging and labeling requirements are detailed in the rule and guidance.
- **Warning Labels:** There is one general warning label that is required to be on all products. Additionally, certain product types have other required warnings, as outlined in the rule and guidance.
- **Ingredients:** All ingredients, sub-ingredients, and additives used in a product for smoking, combustion, or vaporization must be provided on the label. Ingredient label also continues to be required for edibles and beverages.
- **Third-Party Certification:** The guidance outlines how a licensee may make certain claims on packaging, labeling, or advertising (such as vegan or gluten-free), and remain in compliance with Division rules.
- **Technology Solutions:** If the final form cannabis plant material or the cannabis plant material utilized to create the final form cannabis product was not subjected to any technology solutions, including remediation by irradiation, gas treatment such as ozone, radiofrequency, and UV light, the licensee may indicate as such on the package intended for direct customer sale using a seal issued by the Division for these purposes.
- **QR Codes:** Certain information required to be disclosed may be included on a QR code that is then affixed to the label. The information that is acceptable to be included on a QR code is detailed in the guidance.
- **Dispensary Labeling:** For non-medical cannabis purchases, the information printed on the dispensary receipt and/or cultivator/process compliance label satisfies the requirements for the dispensary label; therefore, this information is not required to be duplicated on a dispensary label.
- **Dispensary Packaging:** Upon a valid, written, request from a medical cannabis patient or caregiver, a dispensary may transfer cannabis from the child-resistant packaging to an “easy open” container. The standards and procedures in the guidance must be followed to do so.

The above examples are not an exhaustive list of all changes and updates. All packaging and labeling for products transferred to a dispensary must be compliant with the new rules by **June 1, 2027**. While the new rules will be effective sooner, licensees have until **June 1, 2027**, to ensure all products transferred to a dispensary are compliant.

It is each licensee’s responsibility to read the **rules** and [guidance](#) in their entirety and ensure that all employees are properly trained. Failure to comply with these rules may result in product alerts

or recalls and/or penalties including fines, license suspension, or any other enforcement action deemed necessary to ensure compliance.

Prior Review & Approval Requirements

The Division understands that packaging and labeling updates take time to design, submit for approval, and work into licensees' operations. Therefore, in addition to the nine months the Division is providing to obtain compliance with the new rules, DCC is also providing opportunities for licensees to move forward with packaging and labeling updates without prior written approval from the Division if certain conditions are met.

Licensees must submit all Packaging & Labeling via [DCC eLicense](#).

- If your Packaging & Labeling **does** meet all of the conditions outlined below, you **do not have to wait for approval** prior to use. However, you must submit a complete Packaging & Labeling Application within [DCC eLicense](#) and upload this [Packaging & Labeling Attestation](#) with your application before you can use the packaging and labeling.
 - Upload the completed attestation via the “Additional Information” file upload field on the “Package Information” screen of the application. IMPORTANT: Do *not* change the name of the file from “Packaging and Labeling Attestation August 2026” but you may add information at the end to differentiate your documents.
 - **It is each licensee’s responsibility to ensure their packaging and labeling is compliant with all Division rules and the [Packaging & Labeling Guidance](#).**
 - A licensee may not use this process to circumvent rule requirements. A licensee may not continue to use packaging and labeling that was previously approved if it is not compliant with these rules and guidance.
 - Any non-compliant packaging and labeling may be subject to a product recall and is subject to enforcement action.

Conditions that must be met to utilize the [Packaging & Labeling Attestation](#) form to update existing, previously approved packaging and labeling:

1. **The product has been reviewed and approved by the Division**, including the product name displayed on the packaging.
2. **All** of the packaging and labeling is compliant with the new, updated Division rules and guidance.
 1. Please note that some packaging and labeling was approved prior to rule updates or guidance, and this requirement is that the packaging and labeling is compliant with all updated Division rules and guidance.
 2. If a licensee must make changes beyond what is permitted in the attestation in order to ensure their packaging or labeling is compliant with the new rules, the licensee may not use this attestation and must receive approval prior to utilizing the updated packaging and labeling.

3. **No design elements are changing**, with the exception of the information that must be prominently, conspicuously, clearly, and plainly displayed, in an unobstructed manner when viewing the package, as detailed in the attestation. New designs or additional information added to the package must be approved prior to use.
4. **Any label updates are made solely to comply** with the updated rules, as detailed in the attestation. Additional information added to the label must be approved prior to use.
5. **Tamper-evidence has been previously approved** or is one of the mechanisms identified on [this list](#), dependent upon package type.
6. **Packaging (bag, jar, etc.) meets one of the following:**
 1. Has been previously approved for the licensee.

OR

2. Is the same container type, model type, size, material, and closure as a package previously approved for the licensee, but the manufacturer is different, and the new package – including the same manufacturer, container type, model type, size, material, and closure – is found on [this list](#).

OR

3. Is a different package than previously approved for the licensee (e.g., licensee was previously using a bag but is switch to a jar), and the new package – including the manufacturer, container type, model type, size, material, and closure – is found on [this list](#).

[This list](#) includes all packaging which was reviewed and approved for child-resistant standards after April 17, 2026, and will be updated regularly.

- If your packaging and labeling **does not** meet all of the conditions outlined above, your application **must be approved by the Division prior to use** of the updated packaging and/or labeling.
 - As a reminder, once you have a Packaging & Labeling application approved within [DCC eLicense](#), you can use the “Copy” feature to streamline submission of another similar package. Utilizing the [Copy](#) feature allows you to limit updates to only the sections that are different, and in turn limits the Division’s review to only those sections of information that have not been approved yet.

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