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Manufactured Cannabis Safety Rulemaking Frequently Asked Questions

1. How can I comment on CDPH Manufactured Cannabis regulations?

There are multiple ways to comment. You can:

- Send a letter by mail to: California Department of Public Health, Office of Regulations, 1415 L Street, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814
- Fax: (916) 440-5747
- Email: regulations@cdph.ca.gov
- Attend a Public Hearing and submit comments verbally or in writing.

The Manufactured Cannabis hearing dates are:

- **June 8, 2017, 10:00 am**, 50 D Street, Room 410A/410B, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
- **June 13, 2017, 10:00 am**, 1350 Front Street, Auditorium, San Diego, CA 92101

2. Can I schedule a meeting with you to discuss my comments?

No. Public comment can be submitted in writing or at one of the scheduled public hearings. According to the public participation regulatory process procedures, we can only receive verbal comments during public hearings.

3. Can I give you my comments over the phone?

No. Public comment can be submitted in writing or at one of the scheduled public hearings. According to the public participation regulatory process procedures, we can only receive verbal comments during public hearings.

4. What is the deadline to submit my comments?

All comments must be received by **Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 5:00 pm**.

5. There are so many documents, what do I comment on?

The rulemaking package is constituted of multiple documents for various purposes. The Notice of Proposed Action (NOPA) serves as the public announcement by the Department that it is proposing to adopt regulations; the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) describes the Department's reasons for the proposed regulation; the Standard Regulatory Impact Assessment (SRIA) is an economic analysis of the

proposed regulation; and the proposed regulatory text. The most useful comments are directed at the proposed text with the intent to improve the regulations and:

- Include the section in the regulation text that you wish to comment on;
- Have a written recommendation on what to change to the text; and
- Explain your reasoning as to why the change would benefit the manufacturing of cannabis.

6. Will my comments be kept confidential?

Under California law, all comments on proposed regulations are public information. Please do not include any information that you would not want publically viewed.

7. What will happen with my comments?

The Department is required to review and consider all relevant comments received during the public comment period. After the close of the comment period, the Department will carefully consider all comments received and may make changes to the proposal. If any changes are made, the text will be distributed for public comment again. The Department will provide a response to relevant comments in a document called the final statement of reasons. The final statement of reasons and the final adopted regulation will be distributed and posted on the Department's website at the end of the rulemaking process.

8. Where can I find information on cannabis cultivation regulations?

The Department of Food and Agriculture will be regulating cannabis cultivators. To find information on the regulations for licensing cannabis cultivators and how to participate in the regulatory process, please visit the California Department of Food and Agriculture website at:

<http://calcannabis.cdfa.ca.gov/>

9. Where can I find information on regulations for dispensaries?

The Department of Consumer Affairs - Bureau of Medical Cannabis will be regulating dispensaries. To find information on the regulation packet for licensing dispensaries and how to participate in the regulatory process please visit: <http://www.bmcr.ca.gov/>.

10. How does the Governor's proposal to merge the medical cannabis law and the adult use law impact this proposal?

There is currently budget trailer bill language designed to align the Medical Cannabis Safety and Regulation Act with Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act. If that bill passes, the Department will withdraw these proposed regulations and propose a new set of regulations consistent with changes in the law. However, public comments on the regulations published today are still very important. Many of the provisions in the licensing regulations published today will carry over to new regulations if the trailer bill passes. Public comment now will provide valuable information and guide our efforts when crafting any new regulations.