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INDUSTRY-WIDE BULLETIN: 15-02

RE: BETA TESTING FOR CONTAMINANT RESIDUAL SOLVENTS ON MARIJUANA CONCENTRATES

Dear Marijuana Industry Members:

Beginning April 7, 2015, the Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) is requiring that all Retail Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facilities (RMPMF) submit an additional marijuana concentrate sample for every Production Batch to a certified Retail Marijuana Testing Facility (RMTF), for the purpose of beta testing for residual solvents in accordance with MED Rule R1501 (C)(4). The mandatory beta testing for residual solvents will continue for ninety (90) calendar days. Retail Marijuana Establishments must follow the failed contaminant tests procedures pursuant to MED Rule R 1507 (B).

Industry members are required to access the Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) website for specific certification information on licensed testing facilities: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/enforcement/med-licensed-facilities>. RMTFs not provisionally certified for contaminant residual solvent testing shall not perform any mandatory residual solvent testing following the commencement of beta testing on April 7, 2015.

Pursuant to MED Rule R1501 (B) (2), a RMPMF may elect to utilize the process validation procedure only when every Production Batch during a four (4) week period has passed contaminant residual solvent testing. Samples must include at least four (4) Test Batches submitted at least six (6) days apart from entirely different Production Batches. Process validation that occurs within the 90-day beta testing period would preclude further testing of every production batch. Subsequently, the RMPMF is only required to submit Samples from at least 10% of the Production Batches produced annually pursuant to MED Rule R 1502 (C).

Process re-validation is required if a material change occurs to a production process made by a RMPMF and RMPMF must follow the required procedures pursuant to MED Rule R 1501 (F).

Additional tests and submission of Samples other than Retail Marijuana Concentrate or Retail Marijuana Product for contaminant testing may be required pursuant to MED Rule 1501 (D) and 1502 (D).

Implementation of the required testing regulations remains a top priority and continued cooperation and full compliance is appreciated.

Regards,



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