
Tare Weights for Storage Containers Guidance Document

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This document contains best practices regarding the recording of tare weights for all cannabis storage containers to ensure that the **net weight** of cannabis material is calculated accurately at any point in time without necessitating the removal of the product from its container. This practice facilitates and maintains accuracy of reported data in the seed to sale tracking system, Metrc.

1. General Requirements

Licensees must record the weight of every empty vessel used for the storage of cannabis material, including but not limited to:

- **Plastic Bins and Totes;**
- **Glass Jars and Bottles;**
- **Mylar Bags or Vacuum-Seal Pouches;**
- **Buckets and Drums.**

2. Additional Requirements

Licensees must record the weight of humidity control packs that contribute to additional weight.

3. Documentation Standards

Tare weights can be documented on each container by affixing a permanent label to the exterior of the container, lid, bag, etc. with the tare weight on it. Tare weights and associated containers can also be documented in printed form such as in a binder or reference sheets that are easily accessible and readily available to inspectors and cannabis establishment staff.

The following data is required to be clearly documented and readily available for inspection:

- **Tare Weight:** The weight of the empty container (including lids, seals, or liners if they are weighed with the product).
- **Unit of Measure:** All weights must be recorded in the same unit of measure recorded in Metrc (grams preferred).
- **Container Identification:** Each container should have a package tag and/or be clearly labeled as part of a set with a verified uniform weight. For example, if a bulk cannabis product is parsed into five bags, all bags should be affixed with the package tag **and** 1/5, 2 of 5, etc.

4. Compliance and Audits

During a regulatory inspection, an inspector may perform a **test weigh**. If the recorded tare weight is inaccurate, the resulting net weight of the cannabis may be considered non-compliant.