



# Cannabis Advisory Board Regulatory Recommendations: Cannabis Packaging and Labeling

Presentation by: CCC Staff in conjunction with CAB members

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# Public Health Subcommittee

A subcommittee on public health to develop recommendations on: products, labeling, marketing, advertising, related public health issues; potency, which may include a recommended maximum limit for individual servings of cannabis products; and packaging, which may include the development and implementation of a public health warning to appear on cannabis products

R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-6(h)(1)

## Members:

- **Chair:** Stuart Procter, Ph.D.
- Emily Almeida
- Stephanie Forschner-Dancause, Ph.D., University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy
- Dr. Dioscaris Garcia
- Ana Novais/Marti Rosenberg, designees, Executive Office of Health and Human Services
- Rosemary Reilly-Chammat, designee, Department of Education
- Dr. Staci Fischer/Jennifer Sternick, Esq., designees, Department of Health

Met on: ➤ 2/15/2024  
➤ 3/6/2024  
➤ 3/20/2024  
➤ 4/17/2024

# Cannabis Industry Subcommittee

A subcommittee on the cannabis industry to develop recommendations on cultivation, processing, manufacturing, transportation, distribution, seed-to-sale tracking systems and market stability

R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-6(h)(3)

## Members:

- **Chair:** Armand Lusi
- Emily Almeida
- Stephanie Forschner-Dancause, Ph.D., University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy
- Dr. Dioscaris Garcia
- Stuart Procter, Ph.D.
- Matthew Santacroce, designee, Department of Business Regulation
- Elizabeth Tanner, Esq., Secretary of Commerce
- Matthew Weldon, Director of the Department of Labor and Training

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➤ 3/21/2024

# Questions to the Public Health and Cannabis Industry subcommittees

- 1) Whether the current requirement for neutral color packaging should be broadened, which could potentially include all colors, or slightly broadened to include all colors, except neon.
- 2) Whether a product that has undergone remediation should be labeled as remediated when packaged for sale.
- 3) Whether the universal symbol should have a minimum size requirement and/or be a required size depending on the logos/graphics that also appear on the packaging.
- 4) Whether individual servings should be stamped with the universal symbol, if both product sides should be stamped, or if other requirements pertaining to the stamp should be added.

Question: Whether the current requirement for neutral color packaging should be broadened, which could potentially include all colors, or slightly broadened to include all colors, except neon.

Public Health Subcommittee Vote

- No changes be made to current color packaging requirements  
(5-2)

Cannabis Industry Subcommittee Vote

- That additional colors (without specification) be permitted on packaging  
(unanimous)

Cannabis Advisory Board Vote

- Permit all colors, except neon, regardless of product type  
(5-4)



# Question: Whether a product that has undergone remediation should be labeled as remediated when packaged for sale.

## Public Health Subcommittee Vote

- No changes be made to the current rules for labeling whether a product has been remediated\*  
(unanimous)

## Cannabis Industry Subcommittee Vote

- That product that has been remediated does not need to be labeled as such  
(5-0-1)

## Cannabis Advisory Board Vote

- Products that have undergone remediation do not need to be labeled as such  
(unanimous)

\*There is no current requirement to label a product that has or has not been remediated

# Question: Whether the universal symbol should have a minimum size requirement and/or be a required size depending on the logos/graphics that also appear on the packaging.

## Public Health Subcommittee Vote

- That there be a minimum size requirement of the THC symbol on packaging of 1"x1" (unanimous)
- That if the 1" minimum THC symbol is applied, that no further scaling is needed (3-1)



## Cannabis Industry Subcommittee Vote

- That the THC symbol have a minimum size requirement of .25"x.25" on packaging (unanimous)
- No scalability of the THC symbol is required if the graphics/logo increase (unanimous)

## Cannabis Advisory Board Vote

- The THC symbol be a minimum size of .25"x.25", with scalability of the THC symbol with the logo/graphics up to 1", then no more scalability of the THC symbol is required (unanimous)

Question: Whether individual servings should be stamped with the universal symbol, if both product sides should be stamped, or if other requirements pertaining to the stamp should be added.

Public Health Subcommittee Vote

- That the universal THC symbol be stamped on only one side of edibles

(4-0-1)

Cannabis Advisory Board Vote

- To recommend the requirement of a single-sided stamp of the THC symbol on single serving edibles, while allowing the Commission the flexibility to approve variances for smaller size edibles.

(unanimous)



# Questions?

