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WHAT ARE HEMP, CANNABIS, THC AND CBD?

Hemp

- Generally defined as *Cannabis sativa L.* and any part of the plant with a delta-9 THC concentration of not more than 0.3% on a dry weight basis.

Cannabis

- The dried leaves and flowering tops of the *Cannabis sativa* or *Cannabis indica* plant. Contains active chemicals called cannabinoids that cause drug-like effects all through the body. Also known as marijuana.

THC

- A cannabinoid molecule in cannabis that's long been recognized as the main psychoactive ingredient that causes people to feel high. Total THC = (THCA x 0.877) + THC

CBD

- Chemically similar to THC but does not have the same psychoactive effects.

THREE CATEGORIES OF THC PRODUCTS

High-THC Hemp Products
(Cannabis)

Moderate-THC Hemp Products
(excludes infused beverages)

Infused Beverages
(for the purposes of this presentation, “infused beverages” refers to beverages containing THC)

PUBLIC ACT 23-79

Classified **High-THC Hemp Products** as cannabis (marijuana)

(29) "Marijuana" means all parts of any plant, or species of the genus cannabis or any infra specific taxon thereof, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its seeds or resin, any [product made using hemp, as defined in section 22-61l, which exceeds three-tenths per cent total THC concentration on a dry-weight basis] high-THC hemp product; manufactured cannabinoids, synthetic cannabinoids, except as provided in subparagraph (E) of this subdivision; or cannabinon, cannabiniol or cannabidiol and chemical compounds which are similar to cannabinon, cannabiniol or cannabidiol in chemical structure or which are similar thereto in physiological effect, which are controlled substances under this chapter, except cannabidiol derived from hemp,

HIGH-THC HEMP PRODUCTS (CANNABIS)

Type of Product	Exceeds Total THC Per Serving	Exceeds Total THC Per Container
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hemp edible• Hemp topical• Hemp transdermal patch• Hemp tincture, including, but not limited to, oil intended for ingestion by swallowing, buccal administration or sublingual absorption• Hemp concentrate or extract, including, but not limited to, a vape oil, wax or shatter• Manufacturer hemp product not described above	1 mg	5 mg
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cannabis flower or cannabis trim	Exceeds 0.3% on a dry-weight basis	

HIGH-THC PRODUCTS ARE CONSIDERED CANNABIS AND SHOULD NEVER BE SOLD OUTSIDE OF A LICENSED DISPENSARY FACILITY, HYBRID RETAILER OR RETAILER.

IF YOU SEE CANNABIS PRODUCTS BEING SOLD OUTSIDE OF A LICENSED CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT, CONTACT LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.

LICENSED CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS

Cannabis and high-THC hemp products can only be sold at the following licensed cannabis establishment types:

- **Dispensary facilities** – Medical marijuana patients only
- **Hybrid retailers** – Medical marijuana patients and adult-use consumers
- **Retailers** – Adult-use consumers only

Licensed cannabis establishments require security and age verification to enter. If you can walk right in without showing your identification, it's likely not licensed.


LICENSED CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS


<http://ct.gov/cannabis>


Adult-Use Cannabis in Connecticut
Get the facts.

[Home](#) [Press Room](#) [Where To Buy](#) [Cannabis Laws](#) [Infused Beverages](#) [Licensing](#) [Statistics & Data](#)


What can we help you find? [SEARCH](#)


Licensed retailers
Adult-use sales have started in connecticut at licensed retailers.


Consumer alert
Consumer protection reminds adults 21+ who purchase cannabis to use products responsibly

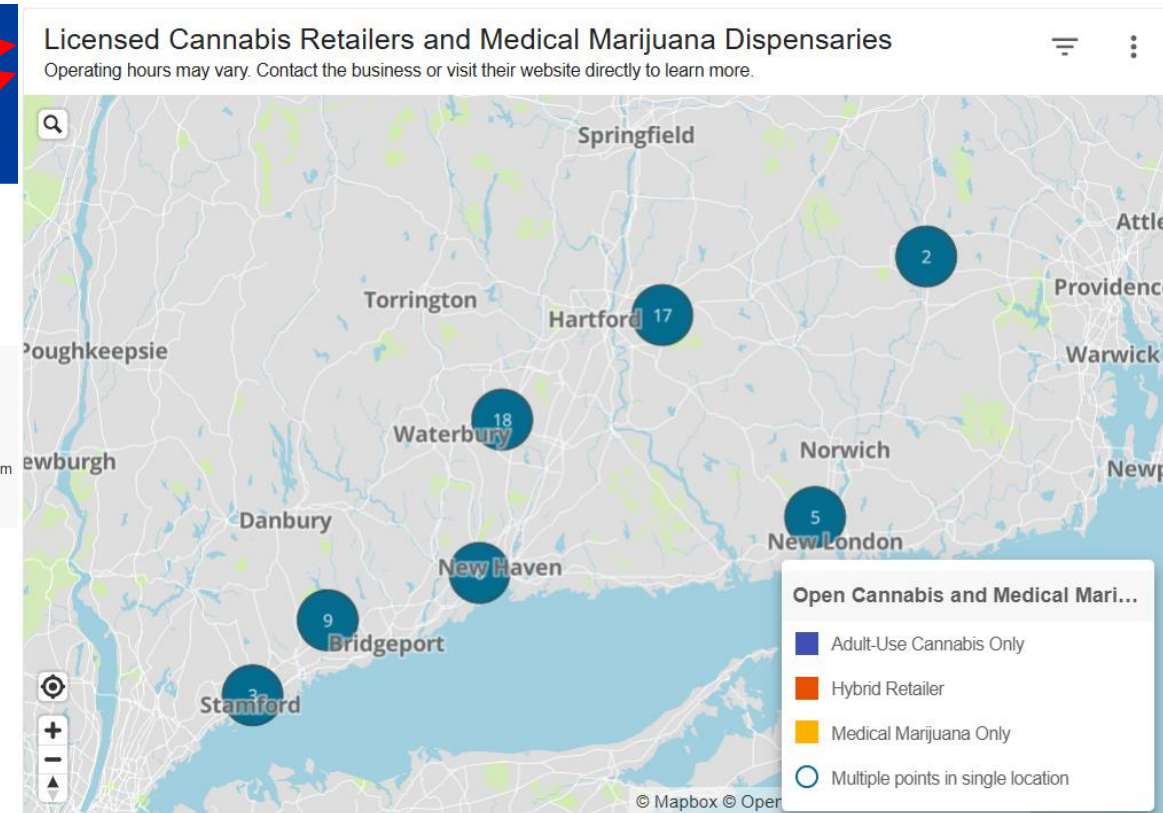

Press room
Consumer protection adds new price per gram dataset to public cannabis data

• elicense.ct.gov

data..gov

🔍 Licensed Cannabis and Medical Marijuana Retail Locations

Type	Business	DBA	License	Street	City	Zipcode	Website
Medical Mar...	PRIME WEL...	PRIME WEL...	MMDF.0000...	75 JOHN FI...	SOUTH WIN...	06074-4006	https://w...
Medical Mar...	CARING NA...	ZEN LEAF ...	MMDF.0000...	237 E AUR...	WATERBURY	06708-2044	https://z...
Medical Mar...	SOUTHERN...	SOUTHERN...	MMDF.0000...	318 NEW H...	MILFORD	06460-6661	https://w...
Medical Mar...	BLUEPOINT...	BLUEPOINT...	MMDF.0000...	1460 POST ...	WESTPORT	06880-5500	https://w...
Adult-Use C...	FFDW EJV ...	FFDW EJV ...	ACRE.0015...	91 HALE RD	MANCHEST...	06042-1769	
Adult-Use C...	NUTMEG W...	HIGHER CO...	ACRE.0015...	11 Phelps W...	Willington	06279	
Adult-Use C...	NUTMEG KI...	HIGHER CO...	ACRE.0015...	1070 N MAI...	KILLINGLY	06241-2127	
Adult-Use C...	NUTMEG M...	HIGHER CO...	ACRE.0015...	505 Park St	New London	06320	



MODERATE-THC HEMP PRODUCTS

Section 31 of Public Act 24-76

(5) "Moderate-THC hemp product" (A) means a manufacturer hemp product that has total THC, as defined in section 21a-240 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, of not less than one-half of one milligram, and not more than five milligrams, on a per-container basis, and (B) does not include (i) an infused beverage, as defined in section 26 of this act, or (ii) a legacy infused beverage, as defined in section 26 of this act; and

(6) "Moderate-THC hemp product vendor" means a person that (A) holds a certificate of registration issued by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section, and (B) is not a cannabis establishment.

(b) Beginning on January 1, 2025, no person shall sell any moderate-THC hemp product in the state unless such person is a cannabis establishment or holds a certificate of registration issued by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section.

MODERATE-THC HEMP PRODUCT VENDORS

- Effective January 1, 2025, only licensed cannabis establishments or individuals registered as moderate-THC hemp product vendors may sell moderate-THC hemp products
 - \$2,000 application fee
 - Demonstrate location
 - Show that 85%+ of sales are from the sale of moderate-THC hemp products
 - Hemp manufacturers that manufacture and sell moderate-THC hemp products at the location where they manufacture hemp do not need to satisfy this criteria

MODERATE-THC HEMP PRODUCTS (NOT CANNABIS)

Type of Product	Total THC Per Container
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hemp edible• Hemp topical• Hemp transdermal patch• Hemp tincture, including, but not limited to, oil intended for ingestion by swallowing, buccal administration or sublingual absorption• Hemp concentrate or extract, including, but not limited to, a vape oil, wax or shatter• Manufacturer hemp product not described above	≤ 0.5 mg and > 5 mg
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cannabis flower or cannabis trim	Up to 0.3% on a dry-weight basis
<p>Must be 21+ to buy moderate-THC hemp products. This category does not include hemp-infused beverages that contain THC.</p>	

MODERATE-THC HEMP PRODUCTS

- Cannot contain synthetic cannabinoids
- Cannot be packaged, presented or advertised in a manner that is likely to mislead a consumer by incorporating any statement, brand, design, representation, picture, illustration or other depiction that:
 - (1) Bears a reasonable resemblance to trademarked or characteristic packaging of a cannabis product or a commercially available product other than a cannabis product; or,
 - (2) implies that the manufacturer hemp product is a cannabis product, a total THC of more than 0.3% on a dry-weight basis, or is a high-THC hemp product.

MODERATE-THC HEMP PRODUCTS

Packaging and labeling for products meant for human ingestion:

- Must have a scannable barcode, website or QR code with:
 - Product name
 - Manufacturer/Packer/Distributor name, address and phone number
 - Batch number
 - Concentration of cannabinoids and total THC
 - Expiration/Best by date
 - Statements:
 - Children and those who are pregnant or breastfeeding should consult with a healthcare professional before using
 - Keep out of reach of children
 - Product has not been evaluated by the FDA
 - Warning statement for inhalable products
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IDENTIFYING NON- COMPLIANT PRODUCTS

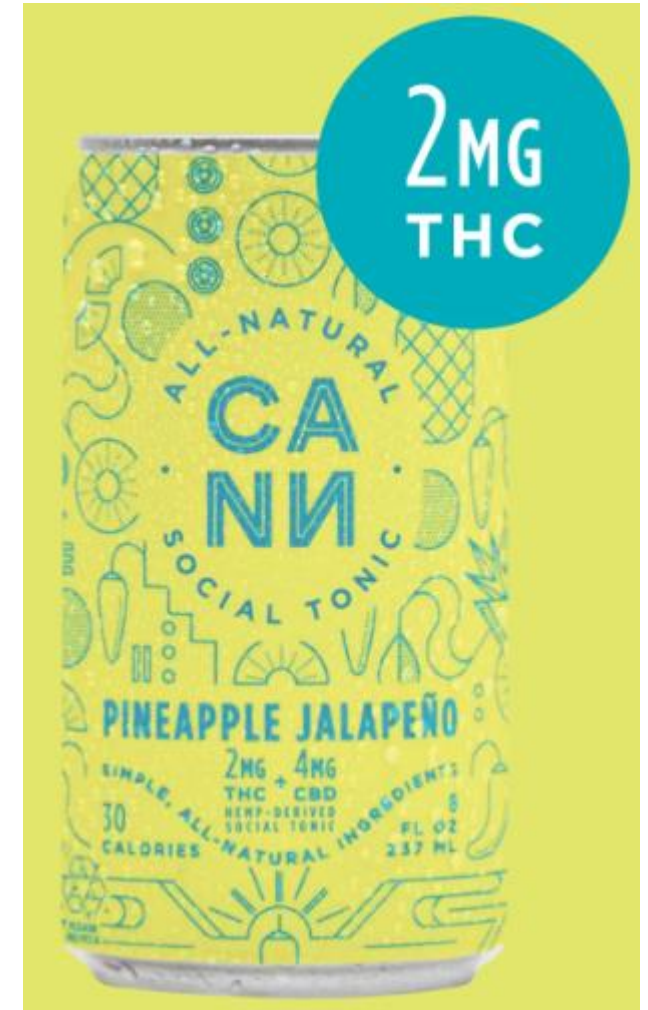
INFUSED BEVERAGES

Effective July 1, 2024

- Must be at least 21 years old to purchase
- Can only be sold to customers at licensed cannabis retail establishments or package stores with a **waiver** allowing them to sell infused beverages
- No indirect sales (mail, telephone or electronic means (i.e. no shipping to customers, but *delivery* is permitted))

Effective October 1, 2024

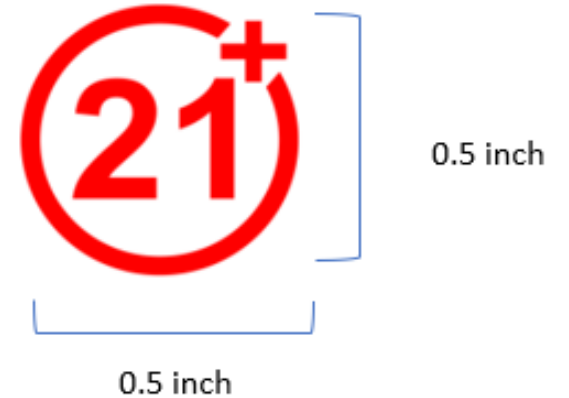
- Cannot contain more than 3mg THC per container
- Container cannot be less than 12 fluid ounces
- Cannot be sold in packs of more than four containers
- Can only be sold to customers at licensed cannabis retail establishments or packages stores with an **endorsement** to sell infused beverages



INFUSED BEVERAGES

Packaging and Labeling Requirements Effective October 1, 2024

- Must have symbol indicating it's for 21+ only
- Cannot contain synthetic cannabinoids
- Cannot be packaged or a labeled in a way that:
 - Resembles cannabis offered for sale in this state;
 - Mimics or resembles a commercially available food or beverage item that does not normally contain cannabis or THC;
 - Implies that the product is cannabis; or,
 - Appeals to individuals under 21 years of age.



PACKAGING AND LABELING

Cannabis and high-THC hemp products (not infused beverages) must meet strict packaging and labeling guidelines:

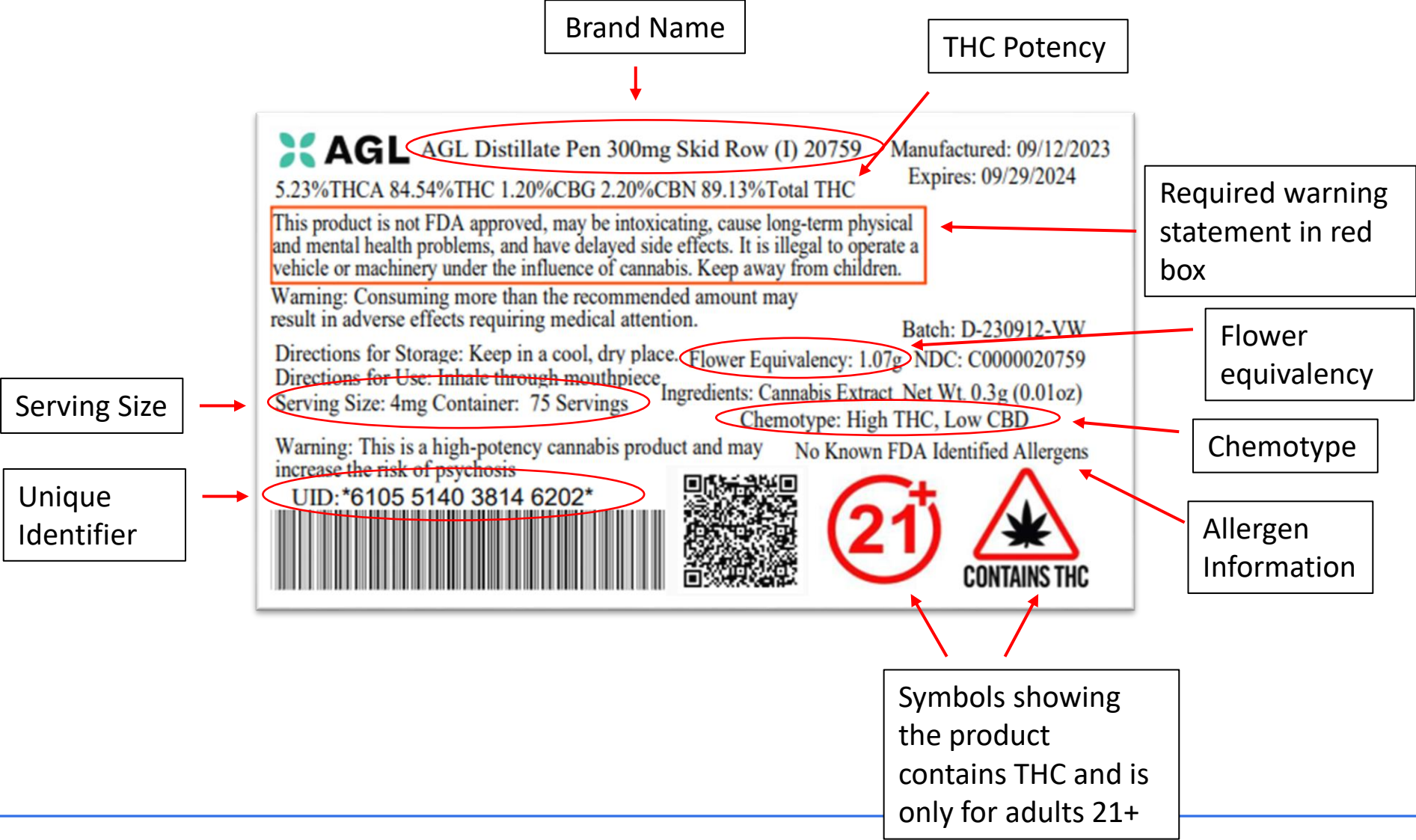
Labels must clearly indicate:

- Brand name
- Presence of THC or CBD
- Serving size, dosing and other information
- Plain contrasting color with Times New Roman font

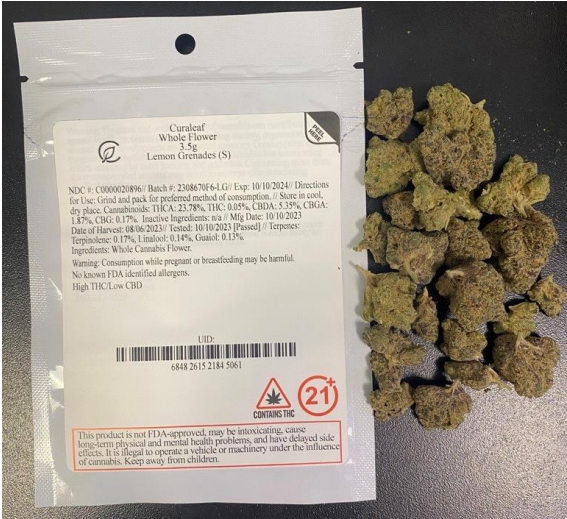
Packaging must be:

- Child-, tamper-, and light-resistant
- Uniformly one color
- Packaging for edible products must be white

PACKAGING AND LABELING



EXAMPLES OF APPROVED CANNABIS PRODUCTS



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NEVER BE SOLD OUTSIDE OF A LICENSED
DISPENSARY FACILITY, HYBRID RETAILER OR
RETAILER.**

**IF YOU SEE APPROVED CANNABIS PRODUCTS
BEING SOLD OUTSIDE OF A LICENSED CANNABIS
ESTABLISHMENT, DRUG CONTROL CAN PROVIDE
GUIDANCE.**



SIGNS OF ILLICIT PRODUCTS

- Brightly colored packaging
- Not labeled with required information
- Not child- or tamper-resistant



CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

- Look at Total THC
 - For flower, look for % of THC
 - For products other than flower, look at total mg of THC

- Does it have more than 0.3% THC?

YES! This is 19.44% THC.

Hazy Mary

Sample 488-112723-139

THCA Flower - Lemon Cherry Gelato

Batch/Lot # HM-013

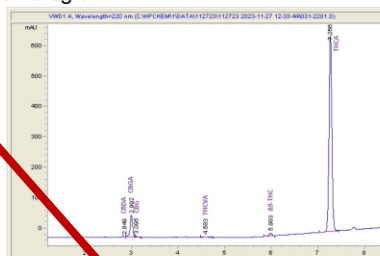
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THCA Flower - Lemon Cherry Gelato

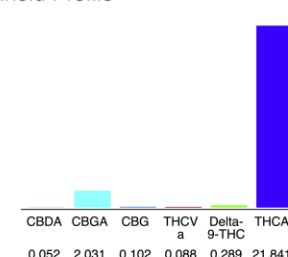
Batch/Lot # HM-013

Plant Material: Hemp Flower

Chromatogram



Cannabinoid Profile



Cannabinoid Profile by HPLC

0.29%

Delta-9-THC

0.00%

CBD

24.40%

Total Cannabinoids

Cannabinoid	% wt	mg/g
CBDA	0.052	0.52
CBGA	2.031	20.31
CBG	0.102	1.02
THCVa	0.088	0.88
Delta-9-THC	0.289	2.89
THCA	21.84	218.41

Total Cannabinoids 24.40 244.0

Calculated Total THC 19.44 194.44

Calculated CBD Yield 0.00 0.46

Calculated Total THC = Delta-9-THC + 0.877 * THCA

Calculated Maximum CBD Yield = CBD + 0.877 * CBDA

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Conclusion:

This product is high-THC hemp and considered cannabis.

Flower products containing more than 0.3% THC are considered cannabis.

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

- Look at Total THC
 - For flower, look for % of THC
 - For products other than flower, look at total mg of THC
- Does it have more than 5mg of THC?

YES! This has 602.43 mg of THC.

Cereal Bars

METRC Batch: METRC Sample: Sample ID: 2205ENC4609_6486 Strain: Cereal Bars

Collected: 09/08/2022 Received: 09/08/2022 Completed: 09/15/2022 Sample Size: 1 units;

Distributor: Cereal Bars

Mate: Ingestible Type: Chocolate Batch#:

Summary

Test: Batch: Cannabinoids Date Tested: 09/12/2022 Instr. Method: LC-DAD Result: Pass Complete

Cannabinoids
Method: SOP EL-CANNABINOIDS

Analytes	LOD	LOQ	Result	Result	Result
	mg/g	mg/g	%	mg/g	mg/unit
THCa	0.005	0.017	ND	ND	ND
Δ9-THC	0.006	0.017	0.987	9.87	602.43
Δ8-THC	0.005	0.018	ND	ND	ND
THCVa	0.006	0.019	ND	ND	ND
THCV	0.006	0.019	0.005	0.05	0.97
CBDa	0.005	0.017	ND	ND	ND
CBD	0.005	0.016	0.004	0.004	0.96
CBN	0.006	0.015	0.023	0.23	2.78
CBGa	0.006	0.015	ND	ND	ND
CBG	0.005	0.017	0.022	0.22	3.49
CBCa	0.005	0.015	ND	ND	ND
CBC	0.005	0.017	0.005	0.05	0.82
Total THC			0.987	9.87	602.43
Total CBD			0.008	0.08	0.966
Total Cannabinoids			1.065	10.42	611.45

Total THC: 602.43 mg/unit

Total CBD: 0.96 mg/unit

Total Cannabinoids: 611.45 mg/unit

Conclusion:

This product is high-THC hemp and considered cannabis.

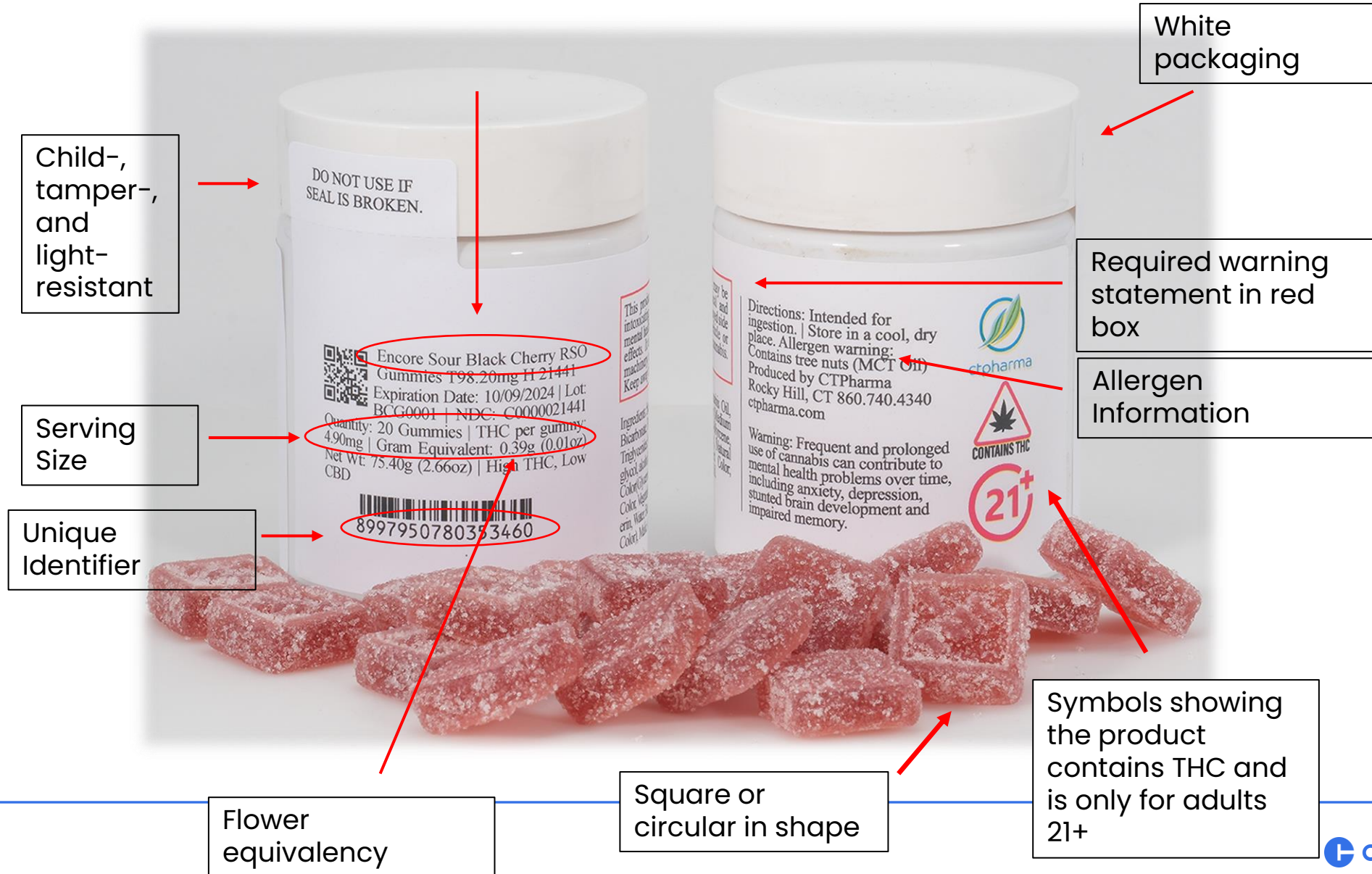
Products containing more than 1mg per serving of 5 mg per container THC are considered cannabis.

HEMP PRODUCT RESTRICTIONS

- Cannot mislead a consumer by incorporating any statement, brand, design, representation, picture, illustration or other depiction that bears a reasonable resemblance to trademarked or characteristic packaging of another cannabis or non-cannabis product.



APPROVED CANNABIS EDIBLES



ENFORCEMENT

ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

DCP does not have authority:

- Over unlicensed sellers of cannabis; or,
- To seize illegal cannabis from an unlicensed location.



ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

- If there are issues with misconduct at a licensed cannabis establishment, DCP's agents will work in conjunction with local police to take appropriate enforcement action.
- If there are issues with an unlicensed location, the violations are criminal and enforcement rests solely with local or state police.

IDENTIFYING DCP LICENSEES

<http://elicense.ct.gov>

Look up licenses for:

- Cannabis establishments
- Package stores
- E-cigarette/ENDS (vape) dealers

The screenshot shows the Connecticut eLicense website interface. At the top, there are links for 'Login' and 'Register'. The 'ONLINE SERVICES' dropdown menu is open, showing options like 'HOME', 'MY ACCOUNT', and 'ONLINE SERVICES'. The 'License Lookup & Download' section is highlighted, with a red circle around the 'Lookup a License' link. Below this, there is a login form with fields for 'User ID' and 'Password', and a 'Log In' button. To the right of the login form, there are three columns of information: 'VERIFY A LICENSE & ROSTER:', 'LICENSE RENEWAL:', and 'FAST TRACK RENEWAL:'. Each column contains a list of instructions and links. The 'INITIAL APPLICATION:', 'FILING A COMPLAINT:', and 'QUESTIONS:' sections are also visible on the right side of the page.

Activities

Initial Application
File a Complaint/Claim

User ID
Password
Log In

Don't have an account? [Register](#)
[Forgot Password?](#) [Forgot User ID?](#)

License Lookup & Download

Lookup a License
Generate Roster(s)
Public Reports

VERIFY A LICENSE & ROSTER:

- Select **ONLINE SERVICES** for a list of available services.
NOTE: All data contained within License Lookup is maintained by the state of Connecticut, updated instantly and is considered primary source verification.

LICENSE RENEWAL:

- To access your account, enter your User ID and Password. [Step-by-Step Instructions.](#)
- First time users MUST validate an active email address.
- DO NOT REGISTER A NEW ACCOUNT TO RENEW.

FAST TRACK RENEWAL:

- Check your renewal notification for availability.
- To access, click the gray Fast Track Renewal tab. [Step-by-Step Instructions.](#)
- Allows access to online renewal only.

INITIAL APPLICATION:

- All applicants MUST register if this is a first time application
- Select the "Register" link and create a new account.

FILING A COMPLAINT:

- Logging in is optional, but allows you to save your complaint
- Select the "File a Complaint" link.

QUESTIONS:

- [For all inquiries, please email the appropriate agency listed below.](#)

More Online Services

Activities

Initial Application
File a Complaint/Claim

License Lookup & Download

Lookup a License
Generate Roster(s)

SEARCH RESULTS

	Name	Credential	Credential Description	Status	Status Reason	City	DBA
Detail	ONE ZERO ONE LLC	ECD.02841	Department of Consumer Protection	LAPSED		WINDSOR	SMOKE SHOP 101
Detail	SMOKE SHOP LLC	ECD.02203	Department of Consumer Protection	ACTIVE	CURRENT	WINDSOR LOCKS	SMOKE SHOP LLC
Detail	SMOKERS DISCOUNT WORLD	ECD.00970	Department of Consumer Protection	ACTIVE	CURRENT	WINDSOR LOCKS	SMOKERS DISCOUNT WORLD
Detail	SMOKERS DISCOUNT WORLD	LSA.110751	Department of Consumer Protection	ACTIVE	CURRENT	WINDSOR LOCKS	SMOKERS DISCOUNT WORLD

Click on “Detail” next to the credential you would like more information about.

License Details

State of Connecticut

Lookup Detail View

Name and Address

Name	Mailing Address	License Address
SMOKE SHOP LLC	SMOKE SHOP LLC 100 WINDSOR LOCKS WINDSOR LOCKS, CT 06094-0001	100 WINDSOR LOCKS WINDSOR LOCKS, CT 06094-0001

Credential Information


Credential	License Type	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Status
ECD.02203	DEALER OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEM OR VAPOR PRODUCT	03/01/2023	02/29/2024	ACTIVE

INFUSED BEVERAGE ENDORSEMENT

Click on “Detail” next to the package store credential (LIP).

License Details

License Details



State of Connecticut

Lookup Detail View

Name and Address

Name	DBA	Address
DRYFLYNN WINE & SPIRITS INC	DRYFLYNN WINE & SPIRITS INC	DRYFLYNN WINE & SPIRITS INC 100 WEST HARTFORD AVE, CT 06115-2827

Credential Information

Credential	Credential Type	Address	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Status
LIP.00	PACKAGE STORE LIQUOR	DRYFLYNN WINE & SPIRITS INC 100 WEST HARTFORD AVE, CT 06115-2827	03/15/2024	08/21/2025	ACTIVE

Endorsements

Entertainment	Facility	Additional Consumer Bars	THC Infused Beverage Waiver	THC Infused Beverage Endorsement
None	None	None	Yes	Yes

IF YOU FIND ILLEGAL CANNABIS

- If local or state police find cannabis at a business establishment, we recommend looking up to see whether or not the business holds a credential with DCP.
 - <http://ct.gov/cannabis>
 - <http://elicense.ct.gov>
- If the business holds a cannabis dispensary, hybrid retailer, retailer or delivery service license from DCP, they may legally sell cannabis products. If there is an issue at a licensed cannabis facility, contact DCP at dcp.cannabis@ct.gov immediately.

IF YOU FIND ILLEGAL CANNABIS

- If the business holds a DCP credential, but not a cannabis license, contact DCP.
- DCP issues many licenses including but not limited to:
 - Lottery
 - Liquor
 - Electronic cigarettes (vapes)
- For businesses with a non-cannabis credential, DCP may be able to take action against that license if there is an imminent risk to public health and safety or after there is a criminal finding of guilt.

DCP CONTACT INFORMATION

Drug Control

- Email: dcp.drugcontrol@ct.gov
- Phone: (860) 713-6065

Cannabis/Hemp

- Email: dcp.cannabis@ct.gov
- Phone: (860) 713-6065

Liquor

- Email: dcp.liquorcontrol@ct.gov
- Phone: (860) 713-6210