Cannabis Cultivation Update

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Our Mission

We ensure public safety and environmental protection by licensing and regulating commercial cannabis cultivators in California. We also manage the state’s cannabis track-and-trace system.
Our Programs

Licensing Branch
- Issue temporary and annual licenses to commercial cultivators.
- Determine compliance with CEQA and mitigate any potentially significant environmental impacts of cannabis cultivation.
- Developing a comparable organic program and appellations program for cannabis.

Compliance and Enforcement Branch
- Perform inspections on commercial cultivation licensees’ premises.
- Issue enforcement actions, when necessary.
- Ensure compliance with environmental protection measures specified in regulations.

IT Projects
- Implementing an online licensing program and a statewide track-and-trace system to record the movement of cannabis and cannabis products through the supply chain.
## License Categories

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Outdoor</th>
<th>Indoor</th>
<th>Mixed-Light</th>
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<tr>
<td>Specialty Cottage</td>
<td>Up to 25 mature plants</td>
<td>Up to 500 sq ft</td>
<td>Up to 2,500 sq ft</td>
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<td>Specialty</td>
<td>Up to 5,000 sq ft or up to 50 mature plants</td>
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<td>Small</td>
<td>5,001-10,000 sq ft</td>
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<td>Medium (limited)</td>
<td>10,001 sq ft to 1 acre</td>
<td>10,001- 22,000 sq ft</td>
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<td>Large (Not issued until 2023)</td>
<td>Greater than 1 acre</td>
<td>Greater than 22,000 sq ft</td>
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<td>Nursery</td>
<td>No size limit defined in statute (no canopy)</td>
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<td>Processor</td>
<td>Conducts only trimming, drying, curing, grading, or packaging of cannabis and non-manufactured cannabis products</td>
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Annual License Application Review Process

1. Annual Application Received
2. Local Verification
3. Administrative Review
4. Scientific Review
5. License issued
License is issued to a person by CDFA CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing Division that allows the person to perform privileges related to commercial cultivation, operation of a nursery, or to process cannabis in California.

Inspection is conducted by CDFA CalCannabis or Local County Agricultural Commissioner Staff.

Types of inspections:
- Educational
- Sample
- Comprehensive
- Complaint

Written documentation provided to the licensee at the time of inspection.

Remedy and best practices are discussed with the licensee.

Enforcement actions include but are not limited to:
- Notice of Violation
- Issuance of Penalties/Fines
- Licensing/Disciplinary Actions

Enforcement Process
Collaborating State Agencies

California Department of Tax and Fee Administration
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Department of Insurance
Division of Occupational Safety and Health
California Water Boards
Secretary of State Office
California Department of Pesticide Regulation
California Highway Patrol
SWRCB Coordination

• Outreach
• Regulation Language Development
• CDFA Application Review Process/Verifying Compliance
• Data Sharing
• Working with Local Jurisdictions
• Joint Inspections
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