

LABELING REQUIREMENTS

CANNABIS PRODUCTS WITH SMALL CONTAINERS



Cannabis products must be properly labeled to ensure consumers are informed about what they are purchasing and to prevent unintended use. *Note: These guidelines are based on the CDPH Emergency Regulations and apply only to cannabis products. Cannabis (flower and pre-rolls that only contain flower) must meet the basic requirements specified in [Division 10 of the Business & Professions Code](#).*

PARTS OF A LABEL:

- **Primary panel** – the part of the package most likely to be displayed to the consumer at retail; typically the front or top
- **Informational panel** – any other part of the outer package
- **Supplemental label** - information included with the product that is not displayed on the outer layer of packaging. Examples include a paper inserted into the packaging, a hang tag or a peel-back label. QR codes, websites and other methods that separate the information from the product are not acceptable forms of supplemental labels. All of the informational panel requirements, except the government warning statement, may be placed on a supplemental label.

LABELING DOs:

- ✓ Display information clearly and legibly
- ✓ Make sure all labeling information is seen on the outer layer of packaging
- ✓ Use English and at least 6 point font
- ✓ Include both THC and CBD content on the primary panel

LABELING DON'Ts:

- ✗ **California county names**—Cannot include the name of a California county anywhere on the label unless 100% of the cannabis in the product was grown there.
- ✗ **Cannot be attractive to children**—This includes using cartoons, images popularly used to advertise to children, imitating candy labeling, and using the words “candy” or “candies” anywhere on the label.
- ✗ **Cannot include false or misleading information**—This includes anything untrue or unproven, or information that leads consumers to have an inaccurate impression.
- ✗ **Cannot make unproven health claims**—Health-related statements, such as claims about a product’s ability to treat or cure disease, may not be made unless there is significant scientific agreement and the claims are supported by a totality of publicly-available peer-reviewed evidence. Anecdotal information and preliminary study results do not meet this criteria.

Note: Health-related statements are heavily regulated by the FDA, and cannabis businesses are not exempt from federal prosecution for misleading health statements.

- ✗ **Modifications to Universal Symbol**—Cannot alter symbol or use a color other than black.

LABELING CHECKLIST—Manufactured Products with Small Containers

PRIMARY PANEL (Minimum 6 pt font)

- Product identity**
A generic or common name that describes the product. Examples include dark chocolate, fruit chew, vape cartridge, lotion, tincture, etc.
- Universal symbol** [in black, at least 0.5”x0.5”]
The California symbol that identifies products as containing cannabis. The symbol can be downloaded at www.cdph.ca.gov/mcsb.
- Net weight or volume** [in metric and inch/pound units]
The weight or volume of the cannabis product, not including the packaging.
- THC and CBD per package** [in milligrams]
The total amounts of Δ 9-THC (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD) in the package. Other cannabinoids may be listed but are not required.

Edible products must also have:

- “Cannabis-Infused”**
These words must be listed above the product identity and in a text size larger than the one used for the product identity.
- THC and CBD per serving** [in milligrams]
The amount of Δ 9-THC (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD) in each serving.

INFORMATIONAL PANEL (Minimum 6 pt font)

- Government warning statement for cannabis products** (in capital letters and bold font)

SUPPLEMENTAL LABEL (Minimum 8 pt font)

- Manufacturer name and contact**
The name of the licensed manufacturer and their phone number or website. The name must match the legal or DBA name listed on the CDPH license.
- Date of manufacture**
- List of ingredients** [in descending order by weight or volume]
- Instructions for use and any preparation needed**
- UID number**
The unique tracking number issued through Track-and-Trace.
Note: This requirement will begin when you receive your Track-and-Trace login. Do not create a placeholder UID number.
- “FOR MEDICAL USE ONLY”**
[for non-edible products with more than 1000mg THC]
- Expiration, use-by or best-by date** [if any]
- Batch number** [if any]

Edible products must also have:

- Sodium, sugar, carbohydrates, and total fat** [in grams per serving]
- Allergens** [If applicable]
A list of any major food allergen in the product. The major food allergens are milk, egg, tree nuts, wheat, peanuts, soybeans, fish or crustacean shellfish. Use the specific food name when disclosing allergens (i.e. “almonds” instead of “tree nuts”).
- Artificial food colorings** [If applicable]

Note: Edibles are products similar to traditional food products, such as cakes, cookies, beverages and juices, tea and coffee, chocolates, gummies, gum and mints.