

HEALTH CANADA ANNOUNCEMENT (2025/03/05)

Here is a Summary of some of the MAJOR changes:

13(1)(a): A micro-cultivator must delineate a surface area that does not exceed 800 m² in which plants must be contained. PREVIOUSLY: 200 m².

16(1)(a): A nursery licence holder must delineate a surface area that does not exceed 200 m² in which plants must be contained. PREVIOUSLY: 50 m².

16(2): A nursery licence holder may possess up to 20 kg of harvested flowering heads. PREVIOUSLY: 5 kg

19(3): A processing licence holder may designate one or more AQAPs. PREVIOUSLY: Limit of 2.

21(1): Micro-processors may now be in possession of an equivalent of 2400 kg of dried cannabis from other LPs. PREVIOUSLY: Limit of 600 kg.

28.01(1): A person may conduct research on cannabis without a research licence, if certain conditions are followed.

42(1): A security-cleared individual is no longer required to be present during the antimicrobial treatment.

43(1): Only one individual (employee) is required to witness the destruction of cannabis waste. Not required during the destruction of cultivation waste (cannabis leaves, shoots, or branches obtained during cultivation, propagation, or harvesting of cannabis). PREVIOUSLY: Security-cleared witness had to also be present.

44: No more security-cleared individuals are required to be onsite when activities are taking place in the operations area.

65, 66: No need for an intrusion detection system at the perimeter site.

68(2): A record is no longer required to track the ID of individuals entering and exiting the storage area.

100: Repealed that the net weight of dried cannabis that is consumed by inhalation may not exceed 1 g per discrete unit.

108(1): The immediate container in which dried/fresh cannabis is packaged may be transparent.

113(1): The color of the immediate container lid may be a different color than the container itself.

116(1): QR-Codes are now allowed on labels (but may not be added if a barcode is already present).

116(2): Cut-out windows are allowed on packaging containing dried/fresh cannabis or seeds.

123(2): The actual packaging date can now be within +/-7 days from the date of packaging written on the label. PREVIOUSLY: +/- 4 days.

125(d): "CBD" content is no longer required on the label of dried cannabis products that are not in discrete units.

132(1): Inserts or leaflets are allowed to be placed in a container of cannabis product as long as they don't present a risk of contamination to the product.

224(1)(b): When seeds are sown, records will only need to include the date sown and the quantity of seeds sown. PREVIOUSLY: Weight of seeds was also required.

229(1)(b) to (e): Destruction records will only need to include the date of destruction, quantities of plants destroyed, name of one employee/witness, and pre-destruction net weight of harvest/post-harvest cannabis on that date. PREVIOUSLY: Destruction method followed or site address was required. The witness attestation has also changed.

244(1): Processors no longer need to notify the Minister of NNCPs containing dried cannabis products.

231(1)(c): For fertilizer and pesticide applications, records will only need to include the name of the product applied and the date of application. PREVIOUSLY: Rationale for the use of the product was required.