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TO: Licensed Hemp Growers

FROM: Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Hemp Program

REGARDING: Harvest Report Guidance

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The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Hemp Program (“Department”) has developed this guidance document to assist you during the harvest time. This document will provide you with information on how and when to submit your harvest form.

1. When to submit the Harvest Report:

The Harvest Report must be submitted a minimum of **FOURTEEN (14)** days prior to the intended harvest date. The Grower may submit the report no earlier than thirty (30) days prior to harvest if desired, as regulatory testing times are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.

Each variety and/or location of hemp must be considered **SEPARATE** crops and will be treated as such by the Department. Each hemp variety and/or location will have separate regulatory samples collected by the Department.

Example:

- 5 acres of “Variety A” at Field 1 to be harvested on October 3rd, 2019
- 0.5 acre of “Variety A” at Field 2 to be harvested on October 3rd, 2019
- 5,000 square feet of “Variety B” at Greenhouse 1 to be harvested on October 1st, 2019

If a Grower wishes to partially harvest a crop (i.e. leave a section of the field to continue to grow), the Department will have to return and sample that portion of the crop. Indicate on the Harvest Report harvest will not be completed at that time.

Example:

- 2 acres of “Variety A” will be harvested on October 1st, 2019, a portion of the 5 acre crop on the property
- 500 square feet of “Variety B” will be harvested in its entirety on October 1st, 2019

Example Entries of the Harvest Report:

Harvest Information					
Grow Area Name	Variety/Strain	Initial Planting Date	Harvest Date	Harvest Area	Partial or Complete Harvest?
Field 1	Variety A	4/30/19	10/3/19	5 acres <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ft ² <input type="checkbox"/>	Partial <input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Field 2	Variety A	4/30/19	10/3/19	0.5 acres <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ft ² <input type="checkbox"/>	Partial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/>
Greenhouse 1	Variety B	5/5/19	10/1/19	5000 acres <input type="checkbox"/> ft ² <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Partial <input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2. Harvesting Requirements

Once the Department has conducted the regulatory testing on a crop, all tested plants **MUST** be harvested no later than **ten (10)** days after the test takes place. If the harvest is not completed within this timeframe, the Department **MUST** be notified and another test must be scheduled at that time.

Once harvested, the crop **MUST** be retained and **REMIAN SEPERATE FROM ALL OTHER CROPS** until the Department issues a certificate. You as the Grower may sort, dry, trim, and/or mill the crop as is basic maintenance, but no other processing may occur until the certificate is received. The Industrial Hemp certificate will then follow the crop through any points of processing or sale thereafter.

3. Testing Failure:

If the crop does not pass the initial regulatory test, the Grower may opt for a retest at their own expense. The current cost of a retest is \$150 (subject to change without notice). If the crop fails the retest, the Grower may opt for a third round of testing, at their own expense. Additional testing expenses will be billed directly to the grower. If, after three (3) testing attempts, the crop still does not pass, a destruction of the crop will be ordered.

4. Destruction:

Destruction of a crop may occur voluntarily or at the order of the Department. If it is voluntary, the Department must be notified of the method and reason for destruction (i.e. tested hot, pests, etc.). The method of destruction shall be proposed by the Grower and approved by the Department. The Department will schedule a time with the Licensee to witness the crop destruction. A representative of the Department **MUST** present to witness the destruction of the crop.

All Harvest Reports should be submitted to the Hemp Program Coordinator or any of the Hemp Inspectors via email or postal mail:

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