



Cannabis and hemp regulation in British Columbia: Factsheet for BC farmers' markets

Overview

Since the legalization of cannabis in October 2018, the BCAFM continues to gather information on this subject and has connected with the Cannabis Policy Liaison with the BC provincial government. From the information we gathered to date, **the sale of cannabis and cannabis products, including edibles and health products is not allowed at farmers' markets.** For the moment, non-medical cannabis sales are only permitted at government-run stores, in person and online licensed private retailers, and the B.C. government's online store. For the sale of natural health products, veterinary health products and cosmetics containing CBD (which can be contained in cannabis oil or hemp-seed oil), please read what is and isn't allowed at farmers' markets [here](#).

As of October 17, 2019, federal cannabis regulations allow commercial production and sale (only at government-run stores, licensed private retailers, and the B.C. government's online store) of three new classes of cannabis products: Edible cannabis, such as baked goods and beverages; Cannabis extracts, such as vaping liquids, tinctures, wax, hash and cannabis oil; and cannabis topicals, such as creams, lotions and balms, and similar products that are meant to be applied to a person's skin, hair or nails.

The BCAFM will continue to share and communicate updates with its members, add relevant resources to our [Tools & Resources database](#) of our website, and inform stakeholders about the needs of our sector.

Supplementary information and resources:

You can find more information about how cannabis is regulated in BC [here](#).

Find [here](#) a website prepared by the Government of BC to share information on the laws and regulations to people and communities in BC (public-facing website).

Regulations under the [Cannabis Act](#) set out the rules and standards that apply to the production, distribution, sale, importation and exportation of cannabis by federal licence holders. The 2 main sets of regulations that support the Cannabis Act are: Cannabis Regulations and Industrial Hemp Regulations.

- Cannabis oil and hemp-seed oil [are different](#):
 - o Cannabis oil (a form of a THC and/or CBD-rich extract) is one of the five classes of cannabis that can be sold at government-run stores, licensed private retailers, and the B.C. government's online store. **Cannabis oil or products containing cannabis oil (ex.: CBD oil) cannot be sold at BC Farmers' Markets.**
 - o Industrial hemp is cannabis that contains 0.3% tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or less in the flowering heads and leaves. In order for hemp-seed oil to be exempt from the federal Cannabis Act, it can't contain more than 10 parts per million of THC. **Products made with hemp-seed oil that are exempt from the Cannabis Act may be sold at BC farmers' markets.**

Under the Industrial Hemp Regulations framework, a person might require a licence issued by Health Canada in order to conduct various activities with industrial hemp (ex.: grow hemp, make products from hemp). Find out more on the [Industrial hemp licensing application guide](#).

Further information about the rules for non-medical cannabis retail in BC can be found in the links below:

- [Cannabis in Canada: Get the facts](#)
- [Cannabis Control and Licensing Act](#)
- [Cannabis Licensing Regulation](#)
- [Cannabis Control Regulation](#)
- [Cannabis Retail Store Licence Terms and Conditions Handbook](#)
- [Cannabis Marketing Licence Terms and Conditions Handbook](#)