



STATE OF WASHINGTON
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Re: Implementation of Initiative 502 recreational use of marijuana

Dear Food Processor Licensees:

During the implementation of Initiative 502 legalizing the recreational use of marijuana in our state, the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) received several questions from those interested in processing food infused with marijuana.

Most of the questions came from food processors wondering whether their current WSDA food processing license would permit them to process both conventional food products and food products infused with marijuana.

We have determined a WSDA-licensed food processor may not produce food products infused with marijuana in their WSDA-licensed facility. This decision came after a careful review of our food safety and food processor requirements.

Businesses and individuals interested in processing food products infused with recreational marijuana need a separate license with the Washington State Liquor Control Board (LCB). You can visit www.liq.wa.gov for LCB license information.

The Liquor Control Board is the designated agency to adopt, implement, and enforce regulations under I-502, as it has been these last several months as our state has moved forward on implementing this new law. Regulating the production, processing, and sales of recreational marijuana and related products is solely the board's responsibility.

We support the Liquor Board's efforts to implement I-502 and a common goal shared by business and government to ensure the safety and integrity of our food system.

Sincerely,

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