

Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch POLICY DIRECTIVE

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To: All LCRB Staff

All Cannabis Retail Store licensees

All Local governments, Indigenous Nations and Police agencies

Re: Cannabis-related items for sale in Cannabis Retail Stores

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Current Regulation Provisions

CRS licensees are authorized to sell in their retail store, through an online system, or by telephone: non-medical cannabis; cannabis accessories; gift cards; shopping bags; and delivery services.

New Regulation Provisions

In addition to the items above, CRS licensees may now sell some additional cannabisrelated items in their retail store, through an online system, or by telephone.

Items that can be sold must have a clear link to cannabis, such as books about cannabis, apparel or artwork featuring cannabis motifs or brands.

CRS licensees are not authorized to sell:

- items that are consumable (such as food, tobacco, beverages (including liquor);
- any cannabis-related items that promote cannabis, cannabis accessories, or cannabis services:
 - by communicating information about its price or distribution;
 - o in a manner that could be appealing to young persons;
 - by means of a testimonial or endorsement;
 - o by depicting a person, character or animal, whether real or fictional; or
 - by presenting it in a manner that evokes an emotion or image of a life that includes glamour, recreation, excitement, vitality, risk or daring.

- any cannabis-related item that promotes cannabis or cannabis accessories in a manner that is false or misleading; and
- organic solvents.

Further information, including related terms and conditions, can be found in the Cannabis Retail Store Licence Terms and Conditions Handbook.

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Further Information

Further information regarding liquor and cannabis control and licensing in British Columbia is available on the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) website at http://www.gov.bc.ca/liquorregulationandlicensing

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the LCRB toll free in Canada at 1-866-209-2111 or 250 952-5787 if calling from the Victoria area.

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