

Date: July 10, 2019

To: All LCRB staff  
All licensees  
Posted online

Re: **Non-medical cannabis samples, smell jars, and storage of open packages**

---

### 1. Storing open packages of cannabis

#### **New Policy**

If a licensee opens a package of cannabis to fill a smell jar and there is cannabis remaining in the package, it may be retained for future smell jar replenishment. The open package must be kept in a locked storage room.

#### **Explanation**

This new policy provides guidance to licensees that may want or need to store an open package containing cannabis for the purposes of replenishing a smell jar.

### 2. Smell jar records

#### **Current Policy**

When a licensee opens a package of cannabis for a smell jar they must record a specific tracking number from the open package of cannabis in their cannabis registry.

#### **Policy Clarification**

The specific tracking number that a licensee must record is the excise tax unique alphanumeric identifier found on the cannabis package.

#### **Explanation**

Inspectors need to be able to reconcile the records with the open cannabis packages. This unique number on a cannabis package will allow for this reconciliation.

### 3. Cannabis samples

#### **Current Policy**

A licensee must not give patrons samples of cannabis.

**New Policy**

A licensee must not give samples of cannabis to anyone.

**Explanation**

Clarifies that the policy also includes people who are neither patrons nor employees (such as family, friends, and acquaintances).

**Further Information**

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

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

*Original signed by*

Mary Sue Maloughney,  
Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager