§ 4940 Sampling Timeframe and Pre-Harvest Notification for Industrial Hemp

(a) Sampling Timeframe.
   (1) Samples shall be collected no more than six 11 calendar days prior to the anticipated harvest start date listed on the pre-harvest report.

   (2) Any changes to the harvest date that result in harvest activities to occur more than 4530 calendar days after the sample collection date shall require additional sampling for THC concentration prior to harvest.

(b) Sampling Request and Pre-Harvest Report.
   (1) In order to request sampling, registrants shall submit a signed pre-harvest report to the commissioner at least 2030 calendar days before the anticipated harvest start date to initiate the sampling process.

   (2) A separate pre-harvest report shall be completed for each planting to be harvested. The pre-harvest report shall include the:
       (A) registrant’s registration number,
       (B) name and contact information of the registrant,
       (C) anticipated harvest start date,
       (D) name(s) of the cultivar(s) to be harvested,
       (E) physical address, Global Positioning System coordinates, general description of the planting location, and total acreage or square footage of the planting to be harvested, and
       (F) name and contact information of the laboratory to conduct the testing for THC concentration.

   (3) The pre-harvest report shall be accompanied by a sample analysis request form for each composite sample to be taken. The sample analysis request form shall be used to record the:
       (A) name, contact information, and signature of the sample analysis requester,
       (B) registration number,
       (C) name and contact information of the commissioner,
       (D) physical address, general description of the planting location, and total acreage or square footage of the planting sampled,
       (E) lot identification number as provided by U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency,
       (F) name of the cultivar sampled,
       (G) description of the planting to be sampled including estimated average height, appearance, approximate density, homogeneity, condition of the plants, and degree of maturity of flowering material,
       (H) unique sample identification number for the composite sample,
       (I) number of the samples taken,
       (J) date and time of the sample collection,
       (K) name and signature of the sampler,
       (L) name and contact information of the approved laboratory conducting the THC testing,
       (M) name and signature of the person testing the sample,
       (N) date and time of the sample testing,
       (O) testing instrumentation used to analyze the sample for THC concentration,
(P) laboratory determination of THC concentration in accordance with
Section 4942(c) and limit of detection (LOD), and
(Q) chain of custody information including the name and signature of the
person who received and delivered the sample, and the date, time, and
location of each possession or transfer of the sample.
(4) The Department shall make a template of a pre-harvest report and sample
analysis request form available on the Department’s website.
(5) The sampler, as described in Section 4941(a)(1), shall schedule a sampling date.
(6) Registrants shall notify the commissioner of any changes to the above
information no less than two calendar days prior to the scheduled sampling date.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 407 and 81006, Food and Agricultural Code Reference: Section
81006, Food and Agricultural Code

§ 4944 Notification of Laboratory Test Report
(a) Laboratories shall issue a separate laboratory test report for each composite sample.
(b) The laboratory test report shall include the:
(1) registration number,
(2) unique sample identification number as assigned on the sample analysis
request form,
(3) name and contact information of the registrant,
(4) name of the sampler,
(5) dates and times of the sample collection, testing, and test report,
(6) name of the cultivar tested,
(7) physical address, Global Positioning System coordinates, general description of
the planting location, and total acreage or square footage of the planting
sampled,
(8) name and contact information of the laboratory,
(9) name of approved analytical instrumentation used and the limit of detection
(LOD),
(10) name of the person who received the sample,
(11) name of the person who tested the sample
(12) DEA registration number of the laboratory, if applicable,
(13) identification of a retest, if applicable,
(14) percentage concentration of THC in accordance with Section 4942,
(15) measurement of uncertainty as a ± percentage value to the nearest
thousandth, or three decimal places, at 95% confidence level,
(16) the words “OFFICIAL CALIFORNIA REGULATORY SAMPLE”,
(17) and words “PASSED AS CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL HEMP” or “FAILED AS
CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL HEMP” at or near the top of page.
(A) If the laboratory test report indicates a percentage concentration of THC
that is within the acceptable hemp THC level, the words “PASSED AS
CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL HEMP” shall appear.
(B) If the laboratory test report indicates a percentage concentration of THC
that is greater than the acceptable hemp THC level, the words “FAILED
AS CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL HEMP” shall appear.
(c) Laboratories shall provide an electronic copy of the laboratory test report to the
registrant and commissioner concurrently within five 10 calendar days of the collection
of samples.
(d) Following the electronic notification of the laboratory test report, the laboratoryshall:
(1) report the test results for all samples tested to USDA.

(2) provide the registrant no fewer than ten original paper copies with wet signatures of a passing laboratory test report, signed by an employee authorized to sign by the laboratory.

(3) provide the registrant one or more paper copies of a failed laboratory test report, signed by an employee authorized to sign by the laboratory.

(e) Upon request from the commissioner, the laboratory shall provide a copy of the completed sample analysis request form.

(f) The laboratory shall retain one or more original copies of each laboratory test report and the completed sample analysis request form for a minimum of three years from the date of sampling.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 407 and 81006, Food and Agricultural Code Reference: Section 81006, Food and Agricultural Code

§ 4946 Final Disposition for Registered Industrial Hemp Crops
(a) Registrants may harvest the sampled crop upon receipt of an electronic copy of a passing laboratory test report.

(1) Registrants shall submit a harvest report to the commissioner within 72 hours following the completion of the harvest. The harvest report shall include the:

(A) registration number,
(B) name and contact information of the registrant,
(C) harvest timeframe including start and end dates,
(D) name(s) of the cultivar(s),
(E) unique sample identification number(s) as assigned on the sample analysis request form and the percentage concentration of THC for each cultivar as reported on the laboratory test report,
(F) physical address, Global Positioning System coordinates, general description of the planting location, and total acreage or square footage of the harvested planting, and
(G) description and quantity of the material harvested.

(2) The Department shall make a template of a harvest report form available on the Department’s website.

(3) Harvest shall be completed within 4530 calendar days from the sampling date.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 407 and 81006, Food and Agricultural Code Reference: Section 81006, Food and Agricultural Code