

HARVEST OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP CROPS

Q. How do I start the process?

A: A pre-harvest report and sample analysis request form must be provided to the county agricultural commissioner no less than 30 calendar days prior to the anticipated harvest date, which initiates the sampling of the planting site.

Q. Which laboratory can I use to test the industrial hemp sample?

A: Section 4943(b) in Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations requires the use of a department-approved testing laboratory to test industrial hemp for THC concentration. A list of approved laboratories can be found on the [CDFA's Industrial Hemp Program webpage](#).

Q. I have submitted the pre-harvest report, but I have decided to change my harvest start date. What should I do?

A: Section 4940(b)(6) in Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations requires registrants to notify the commissioner of any changes to the pre-harvest report and sample analysis request form no less than two calendar days prior to the scheduled sampling date. The pre-harvest report must be amended to include the new anticipated harvest start date and the scheduled sampling date may be subject to change.

Q. How is it determined whether a crop has passed as California Industrial Hemp?

A: Section 4944(b)(17) in Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) requires the words "PASSED AS CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL HEMP" or "FAILED AS CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL HEMP" at or near the top of the laboratory test report. "PASSED AS CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL HEMP" will appear if the laboratory test report indicates a percentage concentration of THC that is within the acceptable hemp THC level.

3 CCR Section 4942(d) defines acceptable hemp THC level as "a THC concentration that falls within the distribution or range that includes three-tenths of one percent or less that is produced when the measurement of uncertainty is applied to the reported THC concentration. For example, if the reported THC concentration of a sample is 0.35% and the measurement of uncertainty is $\pm 0.06\%$, the measured THC concentration would range from 0.29% to 0.41%. Because 0.3% is within the distribution or range, the sample is within the acceptable hemp THC level."

Q. When can I harvest my industrial hemp plants?

A: You may harvest once you receive a passing laboratory report in accordance 3 CCR Sections 4940-4945. A harvest report must be provided to the county agricultural commissioner within 72 hours following the completion of harvest.

Q. What is the harvest timeframe I have and what if I need additional time?

A: 3 CCR Section 4946(a)(3) specifies that harvest must be completed within 30 calendar days from the sampling date. Registrants may request for additional sampling and testing in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 4940 to extend the harvest timeframe. We recommend that the registrants contact their local county agricultural commissioner regarding sampling needs.