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Cannabidiol-Hemp (CBD) Advisory

TO: Brookline Food and Retail Establishments

FROM: Dr. Swannie Jett, Director of Public Health and Human Services

Please be advised that under the authority of M.G.L. c. 128 and Hemp Program Policy established by Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), any hemp products processed in the Commonwealth must be obtained from a grower licensed by the MDAR unless otherwise authorized by federal law. In addition, such product produced by a MDAR licensed grower must be tested by an approved Massachusetts laboratory or Federally approved laboratory to determine that the THC and pesticide levels are within the standards set by the MDAR.

Brookline Public Health is advising that establishments must stop selling CBD products unless they can demonstrate the product comes from an approved source that is licensed either by MDAR or Federally. Approved documentation may include copies of the product's MDAR registration (Example Attached) and documentation that the product has been tested for THC and pesticides in an approved Massachusetts lab or documentation demonstrating authorization under federal law.

Products that don't have this documentation CANNOT be sold in Brookline.

CBD Added to Food Items

Food establishments cannot add CBD to food products unless approved by Brookline Public Health.

Approval will require:

- Evidence of MDAR registration or equivalent and lab testing (see above)
- Policy and procedures for adding product to food items
- Posting on menu or menu board that CBD is added to the product
- It is recommended that CBD not be sold to minors

Establishments not complying with these requirements cannot offer CBD to the public.

Should you have any questions, they can be directed to Pat Maloney, Chief of Environmental Health, at 617-730-2303 or pmaloney@brooklinema.gov.

* This policy will be reassessed in 1/2021