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Re: OCal Program for Manufactured Cannabis Products

Dear Cannabis Product Manufacturer,

Last year, the California Department of Public Health, Food and Drug Branch (CDPH-FDB) launched the OCal Program for manufactured cannabis products. What is OCal? OCal is a comparable-to-organic program for cannabis grown and manufactured in California. OCal means that manufactured cannabis products were cultivated without using most conventional pesticides; fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge; bioengineering; ionizing radiation; and were manufactured without artificial preservatives, colors, or flavors.

CDPH's OCal Program for manufactured cannabis is comparable to the California Organic Food and Farming Act and the National Organic Program regulations. The OCal program for manufactured cannabis products is unique to California and falls under CDPH-FDB which regulates the manufacture of foods, drugs, medical devices, pet foods, and cosmetics including processed products sold as organic.

CDPH's OCal regulations establish requirements for the use of the term OCal, registration of commercial cannabis manufacturers interested in identifying their products as OCal, and registration of third-party OCal certifying agents. Before a commercial cannabis manufacturer can apply to CDPH-FDB for OCal manufactured Cannabis Product Registration, the manufacturer must (1) be licensed by the Department of Cannabis Control and (2) obtain certification from an OCal certifying agent registered with the CDPH-FDB.

We invite you to review our updated [OCal webpage](#) that contains contact information, resources, FAQ's, certifier and manufacturer registration application forms, and the OCal regulations. We are excited about the OCal Program and look forward to partnering with you to ensure successful implementation and support of your industry in the California marketplace.

Sincerely,

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