

Marijuana Infused Edibles Packaging and Labeling Rules

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REQUIRED SYMBOLS





Rule Making Overview

The intent of these rule revisions is to:

- Streamline the review and approval process for marijuana infused edibles.
- Ensure all products, packaging and labeling is not especially appealing to children.

These revisions reflect input from the industry and the prevention community.



Rule Making Process

- 1. The agency notify the public that the agency is considering a change or changes to rule.
- 2. The WSLCB will propose the new rules.
- 3. The public has the opportunity to comment and make suggested changes.
- 4. The Board considers comments and decides whether to move forward with the proposed rules, or to change them based on public input.
- 5. To receive notice of the WSLCB rules process, sign up at: <u>WSLCB Rules</u> <u>Notification</u>.



Important Date

January 1, 2020

All products, packaging and labeling must be in compliance with requirements of WAC 314-55-105 and Board Interim Policy10-2018.

These include but are not limited to:

- The updated warning statements
- The requirement of the universal symbol
- Approved Colors for packaging (Marijuana infused edibles only)
- Approved Shapes (Marijuana infused edibles only)
- Products must be dull in color (Marijuana infused edibles only)

All products have been given a compliance date extension to January 1, 2020 for all product, packaging and labeling revisions.



Types of Edibles

When evaluating if a marijuana infused edible product is especially appealing to children, the WSLCB will look at the following:

- Appearance
- Similarity to commercially available products that are marketed towards children
- Color



Approved Packaging & Labeling Colors



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Approved Shapes for Products





Request for Changes to Color and Shape

To submit a request an addition to the approved colors or shapes, processors must complete the **Request for Change to Marijuana Infused Edible Approved Colors and Shapes** form.

- Submit completed forms to: labelapproval@lcb.wa.gov.
- The Board will review the requests on a quarterly basis beginning March 2019.
- If approved, the color and/or shape will be added to the approved list on the agency website for all licensees to use.



Approved Marijuana Leaves for Packaging & Labeling



NOT ALLOWABLE





Non-infused Products and Packaging Marketed Towards Kids





Infused Product, Packaging and Labeling Potentially Appealing to Children





Non-infused Products and Packaging Not Marketed Towards Kids





Infused Product, Packaging and Labeling Potentially Not Especially Appealing to Children





Marijuana-infused Products General Requirements

All marijuana-infused products for oral ingestion must be packaged pursuant to the following requirements:

- Child resistant packaging in accordance with Title 16 C.F.R. 1700 of the Poison Prevention Packaging Act; or
- Plastic four mil or greater in thickness and be heat sealed with no easyopen tab, dimple, corner, or flap as to make it difficult for a child to open and as a tamperproof measure.



Approved Packaging & Labeling

- Package and/or label background must be either: white, cream, grey, black, tan or brown
- Text on the packaging and/or labeling must be either: white, cream, grey, black, tan or brown
- A full color photo or a photo in a chosen accent color of the product is allowed
- Packaging with a clear window would be permitted
- Company logos are permitted



Definition of Especially Appealing to Children

A product, label, or advertisement that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- The use of cartoons
- Bubble-type or other cartoon-like or action font
- The use of bright colors similar to those used on commercially available products intended for or that target youth or children
- A design, brand, or name that resembles a non-cannabis consumer product of the type that is typically marketed to minors
- · Symbols or celebrities that are commonly used to market products to minors
- Images of minors •
- Similarities to products or words that refer to products that are commonly associated with minors or marketed to minors



Definition of Dull

Merriam-Webster: a color "low in saturation and low in lightness"



Dull colored candy



Bright colored candy



Effective January 1, 2019 all *new* marijuana packages sold at retail must be labeled on the principal display panel or front of the product package with:





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- Rulemaking information and public hearings on rules are posted on website and publicized on the Listserv <u>Rules@lcb.wa.gov</u>.
- Additional information about the definition of "Therapeutic" and "Curative" and homogenization coming in January 2019.