



Liquor and Cannabis Board Interim Policy BIP-17-2019

Subject: Implementation of WAC 314-55-105 regarding marijuana packaging and labeling rules, and WAC 314-55-077(8) and (9)

Effective Date: December 18, 2019

Ending Date: January 1, 2021

Approved:



Jane Rushford, Board Chair



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Background:

Purpose:

This policy addresses and describes both “phase in” and “sell down” periods for marijuana packaging and labeling rules that become effective January 1, 2020. These phase-in and sell-down periods allow implementation flexibility, increase licensee compliance success and are intended to mitigate industry compliance impact and cost.

Policy Statement:

Effective July 1, 2020, WSLCB licensed marijuana retailers cannot accept product, packaging or labeling that do not comply with the rules adopted by the Board, WAC 314-55-105 and WAC 314-55-077(8) and (9), on December 18, 2019, and effective January 1, 2020.

WSLCB licensed retailers may not sell non-compliant products after December 31, 2020.

WSLCB licensed retailers who are still in possession of these products on or after January 2021 may return those products to the WSLCB licensed processor consistent with the requirements of WAC 314-55-077, or dispose of the products consistent with WAC 314-55-079(13) and WAC 314-55-097.

