
Notice – Micropropagation in Cannabis Cultivation

To: Indoor and Outdoor Marijuana Cultivators, Microbusinesses, and Craft Marijuana Cooperatives
From: Shawn Collins, Executive Director
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Subject: Micropropagation in Cannabis Cultivation

This notice applies to Indoor and Outdoor Marijuana Cultivators, including Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, Microbusinesses, and Craft Marijuana Cooperatives that cultivate cannabis (the “Licensees”).

Licensees may now use tissue cultures to propagate cannabis provided that Licensees adhere to the *Protocol for Sampling and Analysis of Finished Medical Marijuana Products and Marijuana-infused Products* and the *Protocol for Sampling and Analysis of Environmental Media for Massachusetts Registered Marijuana Dispensaries* (collectively, the “testing protocols”).

Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.160(2) and 935 CMR 501.160(2), all Licensees seeking to use tissue cultures in cultivation must test the mother plant sourcing the tissue culture(s) for pesticides and heavy metals. This is an additional testing requirement and does not replace the requirement for Licensees to test finished product in accordance with the testing protocols.

The Cannabis Control Commission has created item categories and testing types for the mother plant, source water, and solid growth media in the Seed-to-sale System of Record (the “SOR”) so that Licensees can demonstrate compliance with the testing requirements regarding cannabis cultivation using tissue cultures. Those item categories and testing types are available for use on the SOR. A bulletin detailing where to find those item categories and testing types, and how to use them will be posted in a bulletin on the SOR.

Questions regarding this Notice may be directed to Inspections@CCCMass.com.

