

Industrial Hemp Pre-Harvest Guidelines

California sampling information for laboratory testing

SC Labs has been servicing hemp cultivators with pre-harvest testing for numerous years. We've leveraged this experience along with our years of cannabis testing to develop the most comprehensive compliance testing program for hemp.

PRE-HARVEST FIELD COMPLIANCE TEST PROCESS

To meet pre-harvest THC sampling and laboratory testing requirements, please refer to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), Industrial Hemp Program. Detailed requirements are described in the Sampling and Testing Regulations; Finding of Emergency: Section 4940 Sampling Timeframe and Pre-Harvest Notification for Industrial Hemp.

Below are a few important guidelines to consider when preparing for pre-harvest laboratory testing at SC Labs.

- ✓ Determine harvest lot(s) and date(s).
- ✓ Before a pre-harvest test can be performed you must notify your local Agricultural (Ag) Commissioner at least 30 days prior to harvest.
- ✓ Required Information for Ag Commissioner:
 1. The registrant's registration number, as proof of registration
 2. The name and contact information of the registrant
 3. The anticipated harvest date
 4. The name of the seed cultivar(s)
 5. The physical address, GPS coordinates, general description of the location, and acreage of the crop
 6. Name and contact information of the laboratory to conduct the testing for THC content
- ✓ Registrants shall notify the commissioner of any changes to the above information no less than 5 calendar days prior to the scheduled sampling date.

- ✓ The commissioner, or third party sampler the commissioner has designated, will then schedule a sampling date within 30 days of the harvest date.
- ✓ Contact us to schedule a sampling appointment and/or lab test with in 30 day prior to harvest date.
- ✓ During an appointment, an SC Labs sampler will perform a representative, random sampling in a manner compliant with state requirements.

SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS

A composite sample is required for each cultivar within each contiguous field, and indoor vs. outdoor growing areas. (See Sampling and Testing Regulations; Finding of Emergency: Section 4941 Sampling Procedures for Testing Industrial Hemp for THC Content)

Composite Sample Definition
A composite sample is comprised of 5 primary samples
Each primary sample is taken from a different plant
Primary sample includes all parts of a plant (stem, leaf, stalk flowers, leaves, buds)

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RESOURCES

CDFA Industrial Hemp Program

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/regs_hemp-4940.html

California Industrial Hemp Law

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp/docs/fac_81000-81010_industrial_hemp.pdf

Sampling and Testing Regulations

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/docs/IH4940-1/Finding-of-Emergency-IH4940-1.pdf>

List of Approved Seed Cultivars

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp/docs/ccr_4920_list-approved-seed-cultivar_ADA.pdf



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