

Important Notice to All Tobacco Retailers, Shops, and Retail Food Markets

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



Be advised that there will be new laws regarding the sale of tetrahydrocannabinols and synthetic cannabinoids that come into effect **January 1, 2026**, and **January 1, 2028**.

Beginning January 1, 2026, it is prohibited to incorporate industrial hemp raw extract into food, food additives, beverages, or dietary supplements unless the industrial hemp raw extract has a **purity level greater than 99 percent and does not contain any tetrahydrocannabinols or synthetic cannabinoids**.

In addition, products under **Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA)** will conform to the definition of industrial hemp used in the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act. This means that MAUCRSA products containing cannabinoids will have new product regulations which include participating in the track and trace program, adhering to security and transportation safety requirements, maintaining quality assurance standards, receiving testing by a licensed testing laboratory, and following advertising and marketing restrictions.

Beginning January 1, 2028, it will be a crime to sell industrial hemp online. Also, **businesses** that sell **cigarettes** or **tobacco** will be prohibited from possessing, storing, owning, or selling cannabis, cannabis products, or a product presumed to be cannabis.

The new law authorizes California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA), the State Department of Public Health, the Department of Cannabis Control, and other state and local law enforcement agencies to **inspect, seize, and destroy**, cannabis products or products not authorized under MAUCRSA, the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law, or specified federal or tribal laws, as provided.

For more details and a complete listing of all of the new laws visit: [AB-8 Cannabis](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB8)
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