

## Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Marijuana Control Board

DATE: Monday, August 14, 2023

FROM: James Hoelscher, Enforcement Chief

RE: Enforcement Report, Marijuana

The AMCO Enforcement Unit has been delayed by classification on the recruitment for two Special Investigators. One position is for the new PCN for FY 2023 and one for the vacant Mat- SU Special Investigator.

This delay in the hiring of the two Special Investigators coupled with the individual Investigator's leave, increase in licensees' activities in the summer, increased travel, Title 4 rewrite, and investigations has caused Enforcement to be understaffed and is starting to create an unreasonable workload. I have been working with Director Wilson and our attorney on a solution that will fix the cause of the delay in future postings. We are hoping for the boards support in a regulation project that will ensure each board has vetted, certified, and experienced Investigators working for them.

AMCO has conducted a handful of hemp inspections with Division of Agriculture, Enforcement is waiting for Division of Agriculture to revisit the locations as these inspections required follow-up. As previously reported, once the training is completed, I will implement an enforcement plan for my investigators on the enforcement of any person found to be selling hemp products without a registration or to any registered or non-registered retailer that is found to be selling non-endorsed hemp products.

AMCO Enforcement has continued to conduct inspections for both alcohol and marijuana in a consistent and steady manner.

## **MCB Enforcement Principles**



