

## Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Marijuana Control Board

DATE: January 28, 2025

FROM: Kristina Serezhenkov, Regulations Specialist RE: Removing Batch Limits for Clones or Cuttings

The board approved the draft regulations for initial Law review at the September 2024 meeting. Law made further edits to the draft which were approved by the board at the November 20, 2024 meeting. The draft was sent out for official public comment with the comment period closing January 2, 2025. Comments were received.

Options for the board:

- Move to adopt and send to Law for final review
- Move to amend and adopt and then send to Law for final review. (If amended, may require additional public comment period-agency attorney to advise.)
- Move to send back to staff for more work
- Table the regulations project
- Close the regulations project

(Words in **<u>boldface and underlined</u>** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

3 AAC 306.435(a)(3) is amended to read:

(3) assign a plant batch name or number to each batch of <u>immature plants</u> propagated from seed, clones, or cuttings [; A BATCH MAY NOT CONSIST OF MORE THAN 50 CLONES OR CUTTINGS].

(Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 03/13/2020, Register 233; am 1/22/2023, Register 245; am

8/16/2024, Register 251; am \_\_\_/\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_; am \_\_/\_\_/,

Register \_\_\_\_)

 Authority:
 AS 17.38.010
 AS 17.38.150
 AS 17.38.200

 AS 17.38.070
 AS 17.38.190
 AS 17.38.900

AS 17.38.121

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3 AAC 306.990(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(53) "plant batch" means a specifically identified quantity of immature plants that are propagated at the same time and from the seeds, clones, or cuttings of a marijuana plant or marijuana plants that are uniform in strain, cultivated in one place and under the same conditions, and using the same medium and agricultural chemicals including pesticides and fungicides. (Eff. 2/24/2015, Register 213; am 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 10/11/2017, Register 224; am 8/11/2018, Register 227; am 10/20/2018, Register 228; am 4/11/2019, Register 230; am 5/9/2019, Register 230; am 3/13/2020, Register 233; am 12/6/2020, Register 236; [AM

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12/10/2020, REGISTER 236;] am 8/7/2021, Register 239; am 7/23/2023, Register 247; am

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	AS 17.38.040	AS 17.38.190	AS 18.35.301
	AS 17.38.070	AS 17.38.200	

(((Publisher: At the end of 3 AAC 306.990(b)(52), please change the period to a semicolon.)))

From:	Trevor Haynes	
То:	CED AMCO REGS (CED sponsored)	
Subject:	AMIA Public Comment	
Date:	Thursday, January 2, 2025 4:19:11 PM	
Attachments:	AMIA January 2025 MCB Public Comment Batch Limits(1).pdf	
	AMIA January 2025 MCB Public Comment Labeling Requirements(1).pdf	

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## Dear AMCO Staff and MCB,

Attached is the public comment from the Alaska Marijuana Industry Association on "Batch Limits" and "Labeling Requirements".

Thank you, Trevor Haynes President, Alaska Marijuiana Industry Association 907-888-3367 Date:01/02/2025

- To: Alaska Marijuana Control Board (MCB) amco.regs@alaska.gov
- From: Alaska Marijuana Industry Association (AMIA)



Re: Comment on MCB proposed changes to regulations in Title 3, Chapter 306 of the Alaska Administrative Code

The Alaska Marijuana Industry Association (AMIA) strongly supports amending Title 3, Chapter 306 of the Alaska Administrative Code to remove batch limits, as they do not serve any identifiable public health or safety priorities. Under current regulations, clones and seeds must be assigned tags in batches of 50. This requirement imposes unnecessary costs on cultivators by mandating the purchase of additional METRC tags without delivering meaningful benefits to public health or safety.

The industry is grappling with burdensome and costly regulations, and we respectfully request the board's support for this regulatory amendment. We appreciate the board's responsiveness to public comments and commend the proposed inclusion of seeds in this regulation. This amendment aligns with best practices in the industry and supports a more streamlined approach to cultivation operations. AMIA suggests amending these limits to reduce financial burdens and promote sustainable operations, all while ensuring compliance with state regulations.

By addressing these key regulatory changes, the Marijuana Control Board can better support the evolving needs of Alaska's marijuana industry, which is increasingly composed of responsible business owners dedicated to public health and safety. Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to fostering a sustainable and compliant industry.

Respectfully,

Trevor Haynes AMIA President

From:	Barret Goodale
To:	CED AMCO REGS (CED sponsored)
Cc:	Trevor Haynes; Greg Allison
Subject:	Public Comment: Removal of Batch Limits of Clones
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Hello AMCO Staff and Marijuana Control Board,

I support the proposed changes to section 3AAC 306.435(a)(3).

I believe this will reduce unnecessary tracking requirements for cultivators that serve no purpose to help AMCO or to protect public health and safety.

Sincerely,

C. Barret Goodale GOOD Cultivation Manager 907-699-9478

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