



Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office Advisory Notice: Treatment of Marijuana with Terpenes by Marijuana Cultivation Facilities

Regulations

3 AAC 306.405(c)(3)

A licensed standard marijuana cultivation facility may not...treat or otherwise adulterate marijuana with any organic or nonorganic chemical or other compound to alter the color, appearance, weight, or odor of the marijuana..."

3 AAC 306.410(2)

A licensed limited marijuana cultivation facility...is subject to each prohibition set out in 3 AAC 306.405(c).

Advisory

In the April 16, 2025, Marijuana Control Board Meeting there was discussion regarding the use of terpenes by licensed marijuana cultivation facilities to treat marijuana. Terpenes are a class of organic compounds often derived from plants and are associated with providing flavors and fragrances. Alaska Administrative Code 3 AAC 306.405(c)(3) and 3 AAC 306.410(2) prohibits licensed cultivation facilities from using organic or nonorganic chemicals or compounds to alter the color, appearance, weight, or odor of marijuana. In this meeting the Marijuana Control Board requested that the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office issue an advisory notice to bring awareness to this issue.

It is a violation of Alaska regulations for a licensed standard marijuana cultivation facility or licensed limited marijuana cultivation facility to use terpenes to alter the color, appearance, weight, or odor of marijuana.

This does not prevent the use of terpenes by a licensed marijuana product manufacturer with a product approved by the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office.

For inquiries, please e-mail marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov.

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