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MOTION: REDEFINING POTENCY WORKGROUP OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

This motion defines the current guiding principles, objectives, and scope for addressing the laboratory quality standard recommendations and future pathway deliverables.

Principles

- Reduce risk and provide for better consumer protections
- Provide for consistency and accuracy in analysis and accreditation

Objectives

- Recommend laboratory quality standards for Potency in marijuana products in accordance with RCW 43.21A.735.
 - (a) Appropriate approved testing methods;
 - (b) Method validation protocols;
 - (c) Method performance criteria;
 - (d) Sampling* and homogenization protocols;
 - (e) Proficiency testing; and
 - (f) Regulatory updates related to (a) through (e) of this subsection, by which agencies, and the timing of these updates.

To the fullest extent possible, the task force must consult with other jurisdictions that have established, or are establishing, marijuana product testing programs. *Sampling refers to within laboratory, after the product has been received.

- Establish standardized methods and processes for cannabis testing laboratories to follow and accreditation to accredit to.
- Provide for a pathway to address new regulated parameters (matrix and analyte) not covered by standardized methods.

Scope

- Regulatory required analytes designated in WAC 314-55-102 Potency analysis: THCA, THC, total THC, CBDA, CBD, total CBD, and further defined by RCW 69.50.101(uu) "THC concentration".

- Product matrices not covered in adopted methods may be addressed via future pathways outlined by the Task Force, as time allows. The ICT will assume the role in finalizing the future pathways as described below.
- Non-regulatory components may be addressed by the ICT in the future but are not the scope of the Task Force /workgroup. Future components may include adding analytes, or minor changes to optimize performance, such as changes to columns, but will not include the removal of any method quality control (QC) requirements/samples.

Deliverables

Deliverable One

Adoption of NY MML-300, NY MML-301, and Task Force Summary of Potency Adaptations for Washington as “Potency Standardized Methods”.

Deliverable Two

The Task Force begins outlining the future pathway for introducing flexibility to “Potency Standardized Methods”, beginning with minor matrices/products that are not included in the NY MML-300 and NY MML-301 methods. The outline for this pathway will be included in the final Task Force Legislative report to provide guidance for, and resolution by, the ICT.

The pathway outline shall incorporate the following key attributes for making future modifications to the “Potency Standardized Methods”:

- Utilizes skilled cannabis laboratories to advance science in a inter-laboratory study design.
- Includes participation by a state-run laboratory.
- Initially addresses only matrices/products not addressed by NY Method(s).
- Starts only after successful implementation of MML-300/ MML-301, with WA-specific adaptations.
- Consists of ICT-coordinated modifications to MML-300/ MML-301.
- Cannabis laboratories must maintain accreditation and passing PTs of MML-300/ MML-301, with WA-specific adaptations, while performing modification studies.
- All laboratories validate/verify modification by:
 - Workgroup Task: Begin to outline basic validation/verification objectives and process for ICT to resolve/finalize (submitted in a future motion).

- ICT evaluates, compares data, and designates as an official approved method modification available to all laboratories.