

Noncompliant THC Products Thousands of THC products not meeting state regulations were seized

Minnesota businesses are prohibited from selling raw cannabis flower until the legal market launches next year. Despite this, some retailers are selling it, prompting state regulators to take action.

Seizure and Destruction

As of June 14, the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) reported the seizure and destruction of 120 pounds of illegal cannabis flower from 91 retail locations. Complaints have been received about stores selling high-potency marijuana labeled as hemp.

Hemp Legislation and Compliance

Federal law permits hemp with no more than 0.3% THC. Products exceeding this limit are considered marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance. The OCM, in collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Health, inspects retail products to ensure compliance with federal definitions.

Enforcement and Penalties

Retailers selling illegal cannabis face fines up to \$1 million. Lawmakers have updated the law to prevent the issuance of business licenses to operators selling noncompliant products.

THC Limits and Violation

Edibles and beverages have strict THC limits: no more than five milligrams per serving and 50 milligrams per package, with beverages capped at 10 milligrams per can. Inspectors have removed over 32,000 noncompliant edibles, valued at \$811,000, from store shelves.

Ongoing Enforcement

The OCM conducts targeted enforcement based on complaints, addressing products with THC levels 100 times above legal limits. Starting July 1, the OCM will oversee all enforcement related to medical cannabis and hemp-derived products under a new law.

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