



CONSUMABLE HEMP



A hemp product is an item derived from or made by processing hemp or parts of hemp. **Consumable hemp** is a liquid or solid hemp product intended to be introduced into the human body by ingestion or internal absorption, including but not limited to: food, chew or snuff, oils and lotions, and hemp processed or otherwise manufactured, marketed, sold, or distributed as food, a food additive, a dietary supplement, or a drug.

Consumable hemp products **do not** include those intended to be introduced into the human body by any method of inhalation, which are prohibited under Iowa Code 204.14A. Violation of Iowa Code 204.14A(1) is a criminal offense (serious misdemeanor). Animal products as well as products marketed or intended to “cure, treat, mitigate, prevent disease, or affect the function of the human body,” including products marketed as over-the-counter medication, are also prohibited. Additionally, consumable hemp products manufactured or sold in Iowa must contain 0.3% or less total THC to be legal.

REGISTRATION

Any individual or entity wishing to sell, manufacture, or store consumable hemp products in Iowa must register. Registrations are issued by location, and are not transferable to a new location or new operator at the same location.

- ✦ **COST:** \$475 per year for each type of registration. Renewal application and fees must be received at least 30 days prior to expiration, but can be renewed up to 90 days prior to expiration. Failure to renew in a timely manner may result in the registration being revoked.
- ✦ **PROCESSING TIME:** It may take up to 30 days for a registration to be approved after it is submitted.

CONSUMABLE HEMP RETAILER REGISTRATION

Allows a person or business to sell consumable hemp products in Iowa directly to the consumer. With the registration form and payment, retailers of consumable hemp products must submit a complete list of all consumable hemp products the retailer intends to sell, along with information about the product suppliers and manufacturers.

CONSUMABLE HEMP MANUFACTURER REGISTRATION

Allows a person or business to operate as a manufacturer of consumable hemp products in Iowa. With the registration form and payment, manufacturers of consumable hemp must submit a complete list of all consumable hemp products they intend to produce, process, pack, hold, distribute, or sell, along with information about ingredient suppliers and manufacturers.

IS A FOOD LICENSE ALSO REQUIRED?

- NO**
- ✦ A consumable hemp establishment plans to sell approved, prepackaged consumable hemp products from their retail store (either a physical location or online). A **consumable hemp retailer registration** is all that is required.
 - ✦ A consumable hemp business plans to manufacture, process, pack, hold, prepare, distribute, or sell consumable hemp products for topical use (e.g., oils and lotions) only. A consumable hemp manufacturer registration is required. If the establishment plans to sell directly to consumers, a **consumable hemp retailer registration** is also required.
- YES**
- ✦ A consumable hemp retailer plans to add consumable hemp as a food ingredient for immediate consumption by the consumer (e.g., in a coffee beverage that is brewed on site). The business needs a **food service license**. The consumable hemp retailer **may not** otherwise manufacture, process, package, repack, relabel, mix, blend, or otherwise manipulate a consumable hemp product.
 - ✦ A consumable hemp manufacturer plans to manufacture, process, pack, hold, prepare, distribute, or sell consumable hemp products for use as human food or an ingredient in human food, a dietary supplement, or a drug. The business needs a **food processing plant license**.

IS AN INSPECTION REQUIRED?

- NO**
- ✦ A business wishes to register as a consumable hemp retailer only, and a food license is not required.
 - ✦ A business wishes to manufacture, process, pack, hold, prepare, distribute, or sell consumable hemp products for topical use only (e.g., oils and lotions).
- YES**
- ✦ A business wishes to register as a consumable hemp retailer and also requires a food license.
 - ✦ A business wishes to manufacture, process, pack, hold, prepare, distribute, or sell consumable hemp products for use as human food or an ingredient in human food, a dietary supplement, or a drug.

THE FINE PRINT

- ✦ Iowa Code Chapter 204 (Iowa Hemp Act)
- ✦ Iowa Administrative Code 481, Chapter 32 (Consumable Hemp Products)



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