Marijuana Legalization

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Federal Enforcement Guidelines

The Department of Justice issued eight enforcement guidelines for marijuana businesses. These guidelines are separate from state laws and rules and are enforced at the discretion of the US Department of Justice.

Eight Guidelines
1. Preventing distribution to minors.
2. Preventing the revenue from going to criminal enterprises, gangs and cartels.
3. Preventing the diversion of marijuana from states where it is legal to other states.
4. Preventing state-authorized marijuana activity from being used as a cover or pretext for the trafficking of other illegal drugs or other illegal activity.
5. Preventing violence and the use of firearms in the cultivation and distribution of marijuana.
6. Preventing drugged driving and other adverse public health consequences associated with marijuana use.
7. Preventing the growing of marijuana on public lands and the environmental dangers posed by marijuana production on public lands.
8. Preventing marijuana possession or use on federal property.
Preventing Youth Access

Age Restricted to 21 and older

Premise Checks

• Conducted at least three times a year on all retailers
• Compliance rate is similar to alcohol – 92 percent

Restrictions

• Business and advertising must be more than 1,000’ from: schools, child care centers, transit centers, game arcades, libraries, playgrounds, public parks

Packaging

• No products/advertising can be designed in a manner that would be especially appealing to children
• Edibles/infused product packaging must get committee approval
Unregulated Medical Products

Sample Label Mock Up
Preventing Involvement of Criminals

Licensing Requirements

• Criminal history investigation
  • FBI background checks
• Financial background investigation
  • Identifies source of funds

Law Enforcement

• Partnering with local law enforcement to shut down illegal production, distribution and sales
Preventing Diversion

**Traceability System**
Traces product from start to sale. Licensees must report significant milestones and changes to the traceability system which allows monitoring and tracking any plant/product at any time.

**Security Requirements**
Including extensive camera coverage (indoor and outdoor), detailed security plans.

**Possession Limits**
Curb ability of individual consumer to divert.
Consumer Safety

Packaging and Labeling Requirements
- Limited servings and concentration per package
  - Servings are individually wrapped
  - Homogenized to ensure uniform THC concentration
- Usage warnings (specific warning for ingestible foods and/or liquids about effect delays)
- Warning labels including a universal indicator for infused products
- Resealable, child tamper proof package

Testing
- Third party labs utilized to test all products before making it to the consumer
- Test for pesticides, herbicides, fungicides found
- Partnered with WSDA to conduct random pesticide testing
Thank You