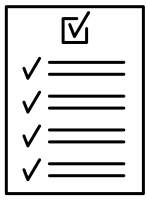
ARUC
Authority for the
Responsible Use of Cannabis

Fact Sheet:

Salient Amendments to ARUC Directives 1 and 3

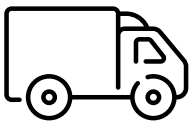
The Authority for the Responsible Use of Cannabis (ARUC) is implementing a number of targeted amendments to its Directives governing licensed Associations. These changes are intended to strengthen regulatory clarity, enhance quality assurance, and reinforce traceability and accountability across the operational chain, while remaining aligned with the objectives of public health, harm reduction, and good governance.
The amendments outlined below shall take effect immediately.

A. Directive 1 - Technical Standards and Approved Operating Practices



i. Record Keeping and Traceability

A new clause I.3.2.5 has been introduced, requiring Associations to maintain a dedicated log recording the types and quantities of pesticides used, together with all activities related to pest control monitoring and the instruments employed for this purpose.



ii. Transportation for Quality Testing

Clause II.3.1.7 has been reworded to clarify that cannabis may be transported not only for authorised internal purposes, but also to an authorised laboratory for quality testing and analysis.

iii. Cultivation Inputs and Documentation

Standard VI has been amended to provide that:

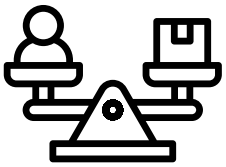
- The use of fertilisers or nutrients not expressly indicated as suitable for the cultivation of cannabis products is prohibited.
- A comprehensive log must be maintained to record all activities related to the addition, application, and removal of soil, nutrients, and fertilisers.

iv. Product Retesting Requirements

Clause VII.3.3 has been reworded to clarify that cannabis products which are not distributed must be retested at six-month intervals.

Clause VII.5.2.1 has been amended to provide that, where Total Aerobic Microbial Count (TAMC) exceeds 9,000 cfu/g or Total Yeast and Mould Count (TYMC) exceeds 4,000 cfu/g, any undistributed stock shall be retested after four months, rather than six months as otherwise provided for under clause VII.3.3.

Clause VII.5.2.4 has been amended to stipulate that testing for heavy metals is mandatory following any change to the cultivation medium or nutrients used.

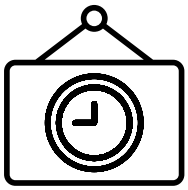


v. THC Equivalency for Processed Products

Clause IX.5.2 has been amended to introduce a clearer equivalency framework for processed cannabis products based on THC concentration, as follows:

- One gram of processed product with a THC content exceeding 66% shall be considered equivalent to three grams of dried cannabis flowers.
- One gram of processed product with a THC content between 34% and 66% shall be considered equivalent to two grams of dried cannabis flowers.
- One gram of processed product with a THC content of up to 33% shall be considered equivalent to one gram of dried cannabis flowers.

B. Directive 3 - Approved Premises



Opening Hours

Clause 13 has been amended to standardise the permitted opening hours of licensed premises as follows:

- Monday to Saturday, excluding public holidays: from 7.00 am until 9.30 pm.
- Sundays and public holidays: from 9.00 am until 9.00 pm.