

## CCB Takes Action on Hemp Additives, Delta-9 Distillate, and Packaging Waivers (February Board Meeting)

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The Cannabis Control Board held its regular February meeting on Wednesday, February 25. The Board discussed and took several actions affecting hemp-derived ingredients, product formulation requirements, labeling standards, and packaging waivers. The decisions reflect the Board's ongoing effort to clarify regulatory expectations while continuing stakeholder engagement on emerging issues.

To access a meeting recording please [visit our Board Meetings page](#).

### **Below is a summary of the key actions for February:**

- **Non-Intoxicating Hemp in Cannabis Products:** Following a discussion of existing rules related to using non-intoxicating hemp products as additives in cannabis products, the Board elected to table further policy discussion until the March Board meeting to conduct stakeholder engagement on the issue. In the meantime, the Board voted to waive Rule 2.6.4 to allow the addition of non-intoxicating hemp products to cannabis until the next Board meeting on March 25, 2026. Licensees using non-intoxicating hemp in this manner must follow all compliance requirements, including sharing a valid COA.
- **Hemp-Derived Delta-9 THC Distillate – Product Deadline:** The Board affirmed that any hemp-derived delta-9 THC distillate that was previously brought into the regulated Vermont cannabis market must be made into finished products by September 1, 2026. After that date, any remaining distillate not incorporated into products must be discarded.
- **Kief-Infused Prerolls – Clarification:** The Board endorsed the current definition of a cannabis product as it relates to kief. Under existing rules, licensees may recover kief from the same plant or lot. However, kief which is extrinsic to the plant, meaning sifted or mechanically extracted, then added back, remains prohibited.
- **Transparent Label Terms:** The Board endorsed the following definitions as they relate to product labeling:
  - *Live* describes a cannabis product in which all cannabis content was cured by flash-freezing and freeze-drying. The term cannot be used in relation to cannabis products that contain conventionally cured cannabis inputs.
  - *Rosin* describes cannabis concentrate produced without the use of solvents, through various processes of washing, sifting, heating, and pressing.
  - *Resin* describes cannabis concentrate produced using solvents.
  - Any currently registered products that are not compliant with the clarified definitions will be required to update their labeling at the time of their next product registration renewal.
- **Packaging waiver requests:** The Board affirmed that it will cease to accept new applications for packaging rules waivers until 2027.