

Navigating Hemp Licensing

Hemp-derived cannabinoid products (HDCP) to lower-potency hemp edibles (LPHE) activities

Businesses registered with the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) to sell hemp-derived cannabinoid products may convert their registration by applying for a lower-potency hemp edible (LPHE) license from October 1 to October 31, 2025, as long as their registration is in good standing with OCM and they apply while the license application window is open.

Before and pending licensure, registered hemp businesses may continue selling hemp-derived products compliant with section 151.72. Once licensed, both cannabis retail businesses and lower-potency hemp edible (LPHE) retailer license holders will be able to continue sales of hemp-derived products compliant under either section 151.72 or chapter 342 until December 31, 2025, per [OCM's Product Transition Period webpage](#). After December 31, all products must be manufactured, labeled, and sold in compliance with chapter 342.

Hemp Activity	Licensing Requirements	Other Requirements
Hemp Cultivation	Licensed under M.S. § 18K for growing industrial hemp. <i>Regulated by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.</i>	Not applicable
Wholesaling: Lower-potency hemp edibles	Allowed under the following license types: - Cannabis wholesaler license (M.S. § 342.33) - Lower-potency hemp edible wholesaler* (M.S. § 342.455)	Not applicable
Importing: Lower-potency hemp edibles from out of state	Allowed under the following license types: - Cannabis wholesaler license with importer endorsement (M.S. § 342.33) - Lower-potency hemp edible wholesaler* with importer endorsement (M.S. § 342.455)	Out-of-state manufacturers must engage in substantially similar practices to those required in Minnesota. (M.S. § 342.34, subd. 5(b)(2))
Manufacturing: Lower-potency hemp edibles including beverages and tinctures under 0.3% THC	Allowed under the following license types: - Cannabis microbusiness with production of consumer products endorsement (M.S. § 342.28) - Cannabis mezzobusiness with production of consumer products endorsement (M.S. § 342.29) - Cannabis manufacturer (M.S. § 342.31) - Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturer* (M.S. § 342.45) - Medical cannabis combination businesses (M.S. § 342.515)	Must also obtain edible cannabinoid product handler endorsement (M.S. § 342.07, subd. 3)
Retail sales: Lower-potency hemp edibles including beverages and tinctures under 0.3% THC	Allowed under the following license types: - Cannabis microbusiness with retail operations endorsement (M.S. § 342.28) - Cannabis mezzobusiness with retail operations endorsement (M.S. § 342.29) - Cannabis retailer (M.S. § 342.32) - Lower-potency hemp edible retailer* (M.S. § 342.46) - Medical cannabis combination businesses (M.S. § 342.515)	Must also obtain local retail registration (M.S. § 342.22, subd. 1)

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Retail sales: Hemp-derived consumer products such as vapes, flowers or tinctures	Allowed under the following license types: - Cannabis microbusiness with retail operations endorsement (M.S. § 342.28) - Cannabis mezzobusiness with retail operations endorsement (M.S. § 342.29) - Cannabis retailer (M.S. § 342.32)	Must also obtain local retail registration (M.S. § 342.22, subd. 1)
On-site consumption of lower-potency hemp edibles.	Allowed under the following license types: - Cannabis microbusiness with retail operations endorsement and on-site consumption endorsement (M.S. § 342.28) - Lower-potency hemp edible retailer* with on-site consumption endorsement (M.S. § 342.46) - Cannabis event organizer license (M.S. § 342.39)	Specific local approval required for an on-site endorsement at a cannabis event.
Events: Offering sale and/or consumption of lower-potency hemp products.	Event hosting allowed with a cannabis event organizer license (M.S. § 342.39) The following license types are allowed to sell lower-potency hemp edibles as a vendor at a licensed cannabis event: - Cannabis microbusiness with retail operations endorsement (M.S. § 342.28) - Cannabis mezzobusiness with retail operations endorsement (M.S. § 342.29) - Cannabis retailer (M.S. § 342.32) - Lower-potency hemp edible retailer* (M.S. § 342.46) - Medical cannabis combination businesses (M.S. § 342.515)	Must also receive local approval, including obtaining any necessary permits or licenses issued by a local unit of government
Delivery: Lower-potency hemp products directly to consumers	Allowed under the following license types: - Cannabis delivery license (M.S. § 342.41) - Lower-potency hemp edible retailer* with delivery endorsement (M.S. § 342.46)	Products being delivered must be purchased by consumers from a licensed cannabis microbusiness with a retail endorsement, cannabis mezzobusiness with a retail endorsement, cannabis retailer, or medical cannabis combination business only.
Transport: Lower-potency hemp consumer products between businesses	Allowed under the following license types: - Cannabis transporter license (M.S. § 342.41) - Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturer* (M.S. § 342.45) - Lower-potency hemp edible retailer (M.S. § 342.46) - Lower-potency hemp edible wholesaler* with transporter endorsement (M.S. § 342.455) - Medical cannabis combination businesses (M.S. § 342.515)	Not applicable

* Applications accepted from October 1 to October 31, 2025.