

August 4, 2022

**To:** Retail Cannabis Licensees  
Alberta Cannabis Council  
Licensed Alberta Producers

**RE: Update to AGLC Policy – Cannabis Prescribed Things**

I'm pleased to share with you that the AGLC Board regulation to set out the percentage and type of cannabis-related items that can be sold in a cannabis store has been approved. This follows the amendments made to the *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act* that came into force in March 2022, that gave AGLC the authority to define 'prescribed things' and set the maximum percentage of sales.

Effective September 1, 2022, retail cannabis stores may sell up to 15 per cent of their inventory as cannabis accessories and additional cannabis-prescribed things. A copy of the draft policy is attached for your information. Once the regulation is published in the Alberta Gazette, the Retail Cannabis Store Handbook (RCSH) and a bulletin will be updated online.

The updated policy for cannabis prescribed things includes items such as:

- retailer branded t-shirts, hats and other apparel;
- licensee-branded items, including things such as insulated mugs or water bottles;
- cannabis-themed magazines, books and recipes; or
- items used to grow legal personal cannabis such as plant pots and gardening tools.

These new options allow cannabis retailers to offer a wider range of products and encourages further economic growth and opportunities for Alberta businesses. The changes also reflect AGLC's ongoing commitment to ensure a regulatory environment that balances responsible consumption, consumer choice and innovation.

If you have any questions, please contact [inspections.mailbox@aglc.ca](mailto:inspections.mailbox@aglc.ca).



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**POLICIES**

4.3.1 *(Deleted Sept 2022)*

4.3.2 Retail cannabis stores are prohibited from selling the following: *(Amended Sept 2022)*

- a) consumable products other than cannabis authorized under the Retail Cannabis Store Licence;
- b) products intended to be mixed, applied or consumed with cannabis;
- c) organic solvents (an organic solvent is any organic compound that is explosive or highly or extremely flammable, including petroleum naphtha and compressed liquid hydrocarbons such as butane, isobutene, propane and propylene). Note: lighters are not considered organic solvents and are allowed to be sold in a licensed premises; and
- d) products and promotional materials related to the medical use of cannabis.

*(Amended Sept 2022)*

4.3.3 Any non-cannabis item that is intended to conceal cannabis or the use of cannabis is prohibited. *(Amended Sept 2022)*

4.3.4 The following cannabis accessories may be sold in a retail cannabis store:

- a) items used to consume cannabis. For example: rolling papers or wraps, holders, pipes, water pipes, bongs and vaporizers;
- b) items used to prepare cannabis for consumption. For example: rolling trays, rolling machines, grinders, storage containers, and pipe cleaners; and,
- c) items used in the consumption of cannabis. For example: joint bubblers, air filters, ashtrays, lighters, matches, and lighter leashes.

*(Added Sept 2022)*

4.3.5 As per Section 90.09(1)(b) of the GLCA, the following prescribed things may be sold in a retail cannabis store:

- a) licensee-branded or premises-branded apparel;

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- b) licensee-branded items, including but not limited to water bottles, insulated mugs or candles;
- c) cannabis-themed publications, including but not limited to magazines, books or recipes; and
- d) things used in the personal growing of cannabis, including but not limited to lights, soil, plant pots and handheld gardening tools.

*(Added Sept 2022)*

- 4.3.6 Licensees are required to provide for purchase, child-proof lockable containers for cannabis storage.
- 4.3.7 Off-site sales of non-cannabis products or accessories are prohibited.
- 4.3.8 Non-cannabis item sales (cannabis accessories and prescribed things) shall not exceed 15% of total dollar sales. *(Amended Sept 2022)*

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