



# CANNABIS OPERATIONS

## *Direct Delivery Supply Chain Requirements Guide*

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## PRODUCT AND VENDOR REGISTRATION

- All Cultivators and Licensed Producers must be registered in LDB systems prior to participation in the BC Cannabis Direct Delivery Program. Consult the following Direct Delivery webpage for full details <https://www.bcldbcannabisupdates.com/bcldb-cannabis-direct-delivery> and contact [cannabis.vendor@bcldb.com](mailto:cannabis.vendor@bcldb.com) for more information.
- Only products registered and activated for Direct Delivery are authorized for sale and shipping directly to licensed BC Cannabis stores. Products registered and activated for Central Delivery only are not authorized for sale and shipping directly to the stores.
- The Licensed Producer must ensure accurate product attributes and pricing are maintained at all times in LDB systems.
- All direct delivery cannabis sales in the province of BC must be reported every two weeks by the Licensed Producer to the BCLDB according to the terms specified on the Direct Delivery webpage.

## DELIVERY AND BILLING

- Under the Direct Delivery program, the Licensed Producer is responsible for:
  - communicating available inventory to the eligible cannabis retail stores
  - taking orders from the eligible retail stores
  - arranging delivery and facilitating returns to/ from the retail stores
  - invoicing and collecting payment/ processing credits from/to retail stores
- Consult the following Direct Delivery webpage for full details <https://www.bcldbcannabisupdates.com/bcldb-cannabis-direct-delivery>
- The BCLDB will collect applicable markup, fees, and taxes from the Licensed Producer once the sales are reported to the BCLDB.

## SHELF STABILITY - TEMPERATURE

Cannabis products must be shelf stable and must not require refrigeration, heating or special handling.

## SHELF LIFE

All products delivered to stores must have a minimum remaining shelf life of at least 30 days.

## BARCODE STANDARDS

**All cannabis products must comply with the below barcode standards:**

- All cannabis products must have the “GTIN”, “Packaged on date” and “Lot” number incorporated in the Shipping Case and Retail Selling Unit GSI barcodes.
- All Licensed Producers MUST go through GSI to secure their barcode symbology and use the following format for Shipping Cases and Retail Selling Units, providing each package level with a unique barcode. The product size variants will also need their own barcodes i.e. 1g and 7g. The chosen Cannabis GSI Barcode Symbology is as follows:

	Barcode Format	Mandatory information
Shipping Case	o GSI 128	o (01)GTIN o(13)Packaging Date YYMMDD o (10) Lot Number
Retail Selling Unit	o GSI expanded or o GSI expanded stacked or o GSI DataMatrix	o (01)GTIN o 13)Packaging Date YYMMDD o (10) Lot Number

### **Important Notice**

LDB will accept the GSI DataMatrix barcode format on the retail unit as of March 31, 2025. It is important not to ship any inventory with a GSI DataMatrix barcode prior to March 31, 2025, so that retailers have sufficient notice to test and update systems as required.

## MULTI-PACKS

- Multi-packs: where the component products are the same.
- A unique barcode is required for multi-packs
- All multi-packs must have a master lot number incorporated into the Shipping Case and Retail Selling Unit barcodes. The Licensed Producer must be able to trace the multipack shipments back to a single master lot# as necessary (e.g. in the event of a recall)

## VARIETY-PACKS

- Variety Packs: where the component products are different
- A unique barcode is required for variety packs
- All variety-packs must have a master lot number incorporated into the Shipping Case and Retail Selling Unit barcodes. The Licensed Producer must be able to trace the

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multipack shipments back to a single master lot# as necessary (e.g. in the event of a recall)

- A single THC/CBD potency band that covers the minimum and maximum potency range for all products within the multi-pack is required

### **RETAIL SELLING UNIT STANDARDS**

- All retail selling units must be pre-packaged and meet federal packaging and labelling requirements.
- All retail selling units must meet the barcode standards specified by the BCLDB.