

# Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

<u>Department of Cannabis Regulation</u> <u>Cannabis Regulations</u>

October 14, 2025

#### NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Pursuant to 15 MLBSA § 1203(f)(iii)(B), this serves as the official Notice of Adoption the following:

### **Cannabis Regulation – 8: PRODUCT STORAGE**

Summary of changes, to CR – 8: PRODUCT STORAGE include:

This Regulation implements 15 MLBS §§ 1203(b)(1) and 1203(e)15) and Compact Attachment A part 9810.1104 regarding minimum storage and security standards for regulated cannabis products.

Pursuant to 15 MLBSA § 1203(f)(ii): The Department of Cannabis Regulation reviewed the comments received during the comment period, beginning August 28, 2025, and closing September 29, 2025. The Department of Cannabis Regulation hereby responds to comments below and makes changes as applicable.

Comment 1: CR 8. Changes to clarify and ensure consistent use of calendar days vs. business days, capitalization, internal reference, spacing and tab size were made.

Comment 2: Section 2.3- Procedure and Methods. If existing structures do not meet the specified requirements are exemptions allowed? No Change Needed.

- Clarification; The language in the regulation referred to here is directly from the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Tribal-State Cannabis Compact, Attachment A, 9810.1104 Product Storage, "subp. 3. Secure access. A cannabis business must keep a storage area locked with access restricted only to authorized personnel. A cannabis business must post signage that indicates "Restricted Access. Authorized Personnel Only" at the entrance of a storage area."
- Intent; It is the intent of the Department to not authorize compliance waivers of Tribal-State Compact minimum standards.

Comment 3: Section 2.1.4- Product Storage, Procedure and Methods. There is some ambiguity in this section that we would appreciate clarification on. Specifically: Is the intent to maintain complete physical separation of items to prevent cross-contamination? Or is the focus primarily on securing products to avoid inadvertent mixing? No Changes Needed.

• Clarification; This regulation originates in Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Tribal-State Cannabis Compact, Attachment A, and we cannot speak directly to the intent of OCM, but we understand the regulation to prevent both inadvertent mixing and cross-contamination as well as diversion.

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Comment 4: Section 2.5- Cannabis waste storage. We seek guidance on whether separate areas are required for: Holding (testing pending); Quarantine (test failed); Remediation (work-in-progress); and Waste. Is this section intended to address all the above categories, or is it solely focused on Cannabis Waste Storage? Clarifying Changes Made.

- Clarification; Proposed revisions to 2.1.4 can help address this comment.
- Change: "A cannabis business must ensure that product storage areas are used only for the storage of regulated products. A cannabis business must store regulated products in a manner that ensures that there is no mixing between batch numbers or different types of regulated products, including separation of untested product, tested product, quarantines product (product that failed testing but is being assessed for remediation), product under remediation, and Cannabis Waste (which is subject to the requirements of section 2.5, below."

Effective Date: October 14, 2025.

The Department of Cannabis Regulation attached the final version illustrating the updates made as a result of reviewing the comments submitted. Copies of this regulation can be obtained at the Department of Cannabis Regulation and at <u>Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) | Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe</u>.

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