

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CANNABIS REGULATORY AGENCY

In the Matter of

ET4 Corp dba Uplyfted
License No. AU-P-000386

ENF No. 24-01288

_____/ CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

CONSENT ORDER

On December 30, 2024, the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) issued a formal complaint against the adult use processor establishment license (no. AU-P-000386) of ET4 Corp dba Uplyfted (Respondent) under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA), MCL 333.27951 *et seq.*, and administrative rules promulgated thereunder. The complaint alleged Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, R 420.103(3), R 420.209(12), and R 420.210(1).

The executive director or designee reviewed the stipulation contained in this document and agrees the public interest is best served by resolution of the complaint. Therefore, the executive director or designee finds that the allegations contained in the complaint are true and that Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, R 420.103(3), R 420.209(12), and R 420.210(1).

Accordingly, for these violations, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Respondent must pay a fine in the amount of eight thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$8,000.00). This fine shall be paid within 30 days of the effective date of this order by check, money order, or online through Accela Citizen Access (ACA). CRA guidance on how to make compliance payments online is available

under “Tips for Licensees” at www.michigan.gov/cra/bulletins. Checks or money orders shall be made payable to the State of Michigan with “ENF No. 24-01288” and “License No. AU-P-000386” clearly displayed on the check or money order and mailed to: Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Cannabis Regulatory Agency, P.O. Box 30205, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

2. If Respondent fails to timely comply with the terms of this order, Respondent’s license shall be suspended until compliance is demonstrated.

3. Unless otherwise specified in this order, Respondent shall direct any communications to the CRA that are required by the terms of this order to CRA-CSS@michigan.gov.

4. Respondent shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in complying with the terms and conditions of this consent order.

5. If Respondent violates any term or condition set forth in this order, Respondent may be subject to additional fines and/or other sanctions.

This order shall be effective 30 days after the date signed by the CRA’s executive director or designee, as set forth below.

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Signed on: 6/2/2025

By: **Brian Hanna**
Executive Director Brian Hanna
or Designee
Cannabis Regulatory Agency

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STIPULATION

The parties stipulate to the following:

1. The facts alleged in the formal complaint are true and constitute a violation of the administrative rules promulgated under the MRTMA.
2. Respondent understands and intends that by signing this stipulation, Respondent is waiving the right under the MRTMA, administrative rules promulgated thereunder, and the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*, to require the CRA to prove the charges set forth in the complaint by presentation of evidence and legal authority and to present a defense to the charges.
3. The parties considered the following in reaching this agreement:
 - a. Respondent admitted to CRA Regulation Agents (RA) on site the product contained in the trash bag in the freezer came from different Metrc tags. Respondent further admitted that the product was waste and should have been destroyed. Respondent voluntarily destroyed the product in the trash bag under observation of the RA during the same onsite visit.
 - b. Respondent submitted a revised standard operating procedure (SOP) regarding waste disposal and security surveillance on February 18, 2025. The CRA approved the SOP on February 18, 2025.
 - c. Respondent implemented the revised standard operating procedure for waste disposal and METRC processes that is intended to prevent future recurrences.
 - d. Respondent was cooperative and wishes to resolve the allegations without the need for and expense of an administrative hearing.
4. The CRA's Legal Division director or designee must approve this proposed agreement before it is forwarded to the CRA's executive director or designee for review and issuance of the above consent order. The parties reserve

the right to proceed to an administrative hearing without prejudice to either party, should the CRA's Legal Division director, executive director, or designees reject the proposed consent order.

By signing this stipulation, the parties confirm that they have read, understand, and agree with the terms of the consent order.

AGREED TO BY:

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Alyssa A. Grissom
Legal Division Director
or Designee
Cannabis Regulatory Agency
Dated: 6/2/2025

AGREED TO BY:

Anton Ivezaj

Anton Ivezaj
Authorized Representative
On behalf of Respondent
ET4 Corp dba Uplyfted
Dated: May 29 2025 13:11 EDT

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Nichole Van Blaricum (P86616)
Assistant Attorney General
Attorney for Cannabis Regulatory Agency
Dated: 5/30/2025

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Dated: May 30 2025 12:06 EDT

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ENF No: 24-01288

FORMAL COMPLAINT

The Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) files this formal complaint against ET4 Corp dba Uplyfted Cannabis Co (Respondent) alleging upon information and belief as follows:

1. The CRA is authorized under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA), MCL 333.27951, *et seq.*, and Executive Reorganization Order No.2019-2, MCL 333.27001, to investigate alleged violations of the MRTMA and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder, take disciplinary action to prevent such violations, and impose fines and other sanctions against applicants and licensees that violate the MRTMA or administrative rules.

2. Section 8(1)(d) of the MRTMA provides that the administrative rules must ensure the health, safety, and security of the public and integrity of the marijuana establishment operations.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS AND INTENDED ACTION OF THE CRA

3. Respondent holds an active state license under the MRTMA to operate an adult use processor establishment in the state of Michigan.

4. Respondent operated at 21445 Hoover Road, Warren, Suite 200, Michigan 48089, at all times relevant to this complaint.

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5. Following an investigation, the CRA determined that Respondent violated the MRTMA and/or administrative rules promulgated thereunder as set forth below:

- a. On August 14, 2024, CRA Regulation Agents (RA) conducted an onsite visit to Respondent's establishment and met with Respondent's manager, A.G. to discuss a complaint the CRA received.
- b. During the RA's visit to the establishment, a CRA RA observed untagged marijuana products in a black trash bag. The trash bag was located in a freezer in Respondent's processing room.
- c. The black trash bag contained three mason jars and five turkey bags containing the following marijuana product:
 - i. Mason Jar # 1 contained "Trop Cherry" weighing 298.58 grams.
 - ii. Mason Jar # 2 contained "G. Guava FF weighing 336.32 grams.
 - iii. Mason Jar # 3 contained the product "Banaconda" weighing 374.98 grams.
 - iv. Turkey Bag # 1 contained "Limoncello" weighing 4.185 pounds.
 - v. Turkey Bag # 2 contained "Limoncello" weighing 4.335 pounds.
 - vi. Turkey Bag # 3 contained "Limoncello" weighing 2.615 pounds.
 - vii. Turkey Bag # 4 contained "Banaconda" weighing 1.440 pounds.
 - viii. Turkey Bag # 5 contained "Limoncello" weighing 0.290 pounds.
- d. The CRA RA then spoke with Respondent's processing room manager, A.S. A.S. stated the marijuana product in the black trash bag was waste. A.S. also noted the trash bag was in the freezer for a couple days to a week.
- e. A.S. could not trace the product in the statewide monitoring system (Metrc).
- f. A.S. stated to the RA that the product in the trash bag was a mixture of Metrc tags but could not to provide the Metrc tags for those products.
- g. A.S requested to voluntarily destroy the products in the trash bag. The CRA RAs observed A.S. destroy the waste at the establishment.

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- h. On August 20, 2024, the CRA RAs visited Respondent's establishment to review the surveillance recording.
- i. The CRA RAs confirmed an employee of the establishment placed the trash bag into the freezer on July 18, 2024.
- j. The CRA RA requested A.G. to provide a copy of the surveillance recording from July 18, 2024.
- k. A.G. was not able to provide the recording from July 18, 2024.

Count I

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraphs b, c, e, and f, demonstrate a violation of Mich Admin Code, R 420.103(3), which states, a marihuana processor must accurately enter all transactions, current inventory, and other information into the statewide monitoring system as required in these rules.

Count II

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraphs h through k, demonstrate a violation of Mich Admin Code, R 420.209(12), which states, surveillance recordings of the licensee are subject to inspection by the agency and must be kept in a manner that allows the agency to view and obtain copies of the recordings at the marihuana business immediately upon request. The licensee shall also send or otherwise provide copies of the recordings to the agency upon request within the time specified by the agency.

Count III

Respondent's actions as described above in paragraphs b, c, e, and f, demonstrate a violation of Mich Admin Code, R 420.210(1), which states, except for designated consumption establishments or temporary marihuana events licensed under the MRTMA, a marihuana business must not have marihuana products that are not identified and recorded in the statewide monitoring system pursuant to these rules.

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THEREFORE, based on the above, the CRA gives notice of its intent to impose fines and/or other sanctions against Respondent's license, which may include the suspension, revocation, restriction, and/or refusal to renew Respondent's license.

Pursuant to Mich Admin Code, R 420.704(2), any party aggrieved by an action of the CRA suspending, revoking, restricting, or refusing to renew a license, or imposing a fine, shall be given a hearing upon request. A request for a hearing must be submitted to the CRA in writing within 21 days after service of this complaint. Notice served by certified mail is considered complete on the business day following the date of the mailing.

Respondent also has the right to request a compliance conference under Mich Admin Code, R 420.704(1). A compliance conference is an informal meeting at which Respondent has the opportunity to discuss the allegations in this complaint and demonstrate compliance under the MRTMA and/or the administrative rules. A compliance conference request must be submitted to the CRA in writing.

Hearing and compliance conference requests must be submitted in writing by one of the following methods:

By Mail: Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs
Cannabis Regulatory Agency
P.O. Box 30205
Lansing, Michigan 48909

In Person: Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs
Cannabis Regulatory Agency
2407 North Grand River
Lansing, Michigan 48906

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By Email: CRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov

If Respondent fails to timely respond to this formal complaint, a contested case hearing will be scheduled to resolve this matter.

Questions about this complaint should be directed to the Cannabis Regulatory Agency's legal section at (517) 284-8599 or CRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov.

Dated: 12/30/24

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