

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS¹
MARIJUANA REGULATORY AGENCY

In the Matter of

TriMed Sustainable Solution, LLC
ERG No.: 001048
License No.: GR-C-000205
ENF No.: 20-00075

CMP No.: 20-000770

_____/ CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

CONSENT ORDER

On September 23, 2020, the Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) issued a formal complaint against the medical marijuana grower C facility license (GR-C-000205) of TriMed Sustainable Solution, LLC (“Respondent”) under the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA), MCL 333.27101 *et seq.*, and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder. The formal complaint alleged Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, R 333.238(1).

The executive director reviewed the stipulation contained in this document and agrees the public interest is best served by resolution of the formal complaint. Therefore, the executive director finds that the allegations contained in the formal complaint are true and that Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, R 333.238(1).

Accordingly, for these violations, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Respondent must pay a fine in the amount of Five Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$5,000.00). This fine shall be paid within 30 days of the effective date of this order by check or money order made payable to the State of Michigan with enforcement number “20-00075” clearly displayed on the check or money order. Respondent shall mail the fine to Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Marijuana Regulatory Agency, PO BOX 30205, Lansing, Michigan 48909.
2. If Respondent fails to timely pay the fine, Respondent’s license shall be suspended until payment is received.

¹ Executive Reorganization Order 2019-2 created the Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) as a Type I agency within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). MCL 333.27001(1)(a)(d). The MRA exercises its statutory powers, duties, and functions independent of LARA’s direction. MCL 16.103.

3. Respondent must ensure that it is compliant with and stays in compliance with the Weights and Measures Act, MCL 290.601, *et seq.*, and any administrative rules promulgated thereunder.
4. Any administrative hold placed on product in the statewide monitoring system as a result of this investigation is hereby lifted, and that product may be processed, sold, or transferred in compliance with MCL 333.27101 *et seq.*, and the administrative rules.
5. Unless otherwise specified in this order, Respondent shall direct any communications to the MRA that are required by the terms of this order to MRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov.
6. Respondent shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in complying with the terms and conditions of this consent order.
7. If Respondent violates any term or condition set forth in this order, Respondent will be subject to fines and/or other sanctions under section 407(1) of the MMFLA, MCL 333.27407(1), and Mich Admin Code, R 420.806.
8. Upon timely payment of the fine by Respondent, the matters set forth in the formal complaint shall be deemed resolved and closed subject to this Consent Order.

This order shall be effective on the date signed by the MRA's executive director or his designee, as set forth below.

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Signed on: _____

By:



Andrew Brisbo, Executive Director
Marijuana 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 MMFLA.
2. Respondent understands and intends that by signing this stipulation, Respondent is waiving the right under the MMFLA, administrative rules promulgated thereunder, and the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*, to require the MRA to prove the charges set forth in the formal 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 it was not diligent in the processing and weighing of its harvest before transfer to another facility.
 - b. Respondent submitted a new standard operating procedure for processing fresh frozen.
 - c. Respondent asserted that a former employee was suspected of causing the weighing errors that occurred in this violation. That employee was the only individual responsible for weighing product and recording the weight.
 - d. Respondent asserts that now product is weighed multiple times by different employees at different times during the harvest and transfer process to ensure accuracy of weights prior to transfer.
 - e. Respondent was cooperative and wishes to resolve the allegations without the need for and expense of an administrative hearing.
4. The MRA's enforcement division director or her designee must approve this proposed agreement before it is forwarded to the MRA's executive director or his 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 MRA's enforcement division director, executive director, or their 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.

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AGREED TO BY:


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Julie Kluytman, Director
Enforcement Division
Marijuana Regulatory Agency
Dated: _____

AGREED TO BY:



Michael E. Gelatka, Authorized Officer
On behalf of Respondent
TriMed Sustainable Solution, LLC
Dated: 2-12-2021



Nicholas Castro (P82858)
Attorney for Respondent
Dated: 2-12-2021

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AMENDED FORMAL COMPLAINT

The Marijuana Regulatory Agency (“Complainant”) files this formal complaint against TriMed Sustainable Solution, LLC (“Respondent”) alleging upon information and belief as follows:

1. The Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) is authorized under the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA), MCL 333.27101 *et seq.*, and Executive Reorganization Order No.2019-2, MCL 333.27001, to investigate alleged violations of the MMFLA 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 MMFLA or administrative rules.
2. Section 402(12) of the MMFLA provides that the expiration of a license does not terminate the MRA’s authority to impose sanctions on the license.
3. Section 206(c) of the MMFLA provides that the administrative rules must ensure the health, safety, and security of the public and integrity of the marijuana facility operations.
4. Respondent’s conduct as described below is a risk to public health and safety and/or the integrity of marijuana facility operations.

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FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS AND INTENDED ACTION OF THE MRA

5. Respondent holds an active state operating license under the MMFLA to operate a medical marihuana grower class c in the state of Michigan.

6. Respondent operated at 1840 Terminal Rd., Niles MI, 49120, at all times relevant to this complaint.

7. Following an investigation, the MRA determined that Respondent violated the MMFLA and/or administrative rules promulgated thereunder as set forth below:

- a. On May 7, 2020, Respondent sent Manifest 154672, a delivery of marijuana product, without weighing the marijuana product after being removed from the freezer and before delivery.
- b. It was later determined that the product from Manifest 154672 had multiple discrepancies:
 - a. Package 1A4050100004845000000497 – Shipped weight: 15,784g – Received weight: 12,740g – Weight difference of -3,044g.
 - b. Package 1A4050100004845000000485 – Shipped weight: 7,150g – Received weight: 15,567g – Weight difference of +8,417g.
 - c. Package 1A4050100004845000000486 – Shipped weight: 5,289g – Received weight: 11,599g – Weight difference of +6,310g.
 - d. Package 1A4050100004845000000487 – Shipped weight: 4,698g – Received weight: 10,288g – Weight difference of +5,590g.
 - e. Package 1A4050100004845000000490 – Shipped weight: 1,885.84g – Received Weight: 2,000g – Weight difference of +114.16g.
 - f. Package 1A4050100004845000000481 – Shipped weight: 3,343.6g – Received weight: 3,627g – Weight difference of +283.4g.
 - g. Package 1A4050100004845000000483 – Shipped weight: 2,069.8g – Received weight: 2,398g – Weight difference of +328.2g.

- h. Package 1A4050100004845000000479 – Shipped weight: 2,498.4g – Received weight: 1,852g – Weight difference of -646.4g.
 - i. Package 1A4050100004845000000474 – Shipped weight: 1,258.1g – Received weight: 1,310g – Weight difference of +51.9g.
 - j. Package 1A4050100004845000000162 – Shipped weight: 1,992.2g – Received weight: 2,666g – Weight difference of +673.8g.
 - k. Package 1A4050100004845000000166 – Shipped weight: 3,343.6g – Received weight: 1,058g – Weight difference of -2,285.6g.
- c. Respondent's weight of the product shipped did not match the weight of the product received.
 - d. Based on the above, Respondent failed to identify and track consistently marijuana product inventory in the statewide monitoring system in violation of Mich Admin Code R 333.238(1).

THEREFORE, based on the above, the MRA 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.

Under MCL 333.27407(4) and Mich Admin Code, R 333.29494(2), any party aggrieved by an action of the MRA 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 MRA 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 333.294(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 MMFLA and/or the administrative rules. A compliance conference request must be submitted to the MRA in writing.

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

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Marijuana Regulatory Agency
P.O. Box 30205
Lansing, Michigan 48909

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

If Respondent fails to timely respond to this formal complaint, a contested case hearing will be scheduled to resolve this matter. The MRA reserves the right to review the formal complaint and amend it should this matter proceed to a contested case hearing.

Questions about this complaint should be directed to the Marijuana Regulatory Agency at (517) 284-8599 or MRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov.

Dated: November 24, 2020

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on 11-24-2020, I emailed a copy of the Amended Formal Complaint dated 11-24-2020 in the above captioned case by email to:

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