

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

In the Matter of

Freedom Green Farms, LLC
License No.: GR-C-000554

ENF No.: 21-00430

/ CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

CONSENT ORDER

On October 12, 2021, the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) issued a formal complaint against the medical marijuana grower class C facility license (GR-C-000554) of Freedom Green Farms, 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 420.507(2).

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 all of the allegations contained in the formal complaint are true and that Respondent violated Mich Admin Code, R 420.507(2).

Accordingly, for these violations, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Respondent must pay a fine in the amount of fourteen thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$14,000.00). 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). Instructions on how to make online payments can be found under the Tips for Licensees bulletin section at www.michigan.gov/cra. Check or money orders shall be made payable to the State of Michigan with enforcement number "21-00430" and license number "GR-C-000554" clearly displayed on the check or money order. Respondent shall mail the fine to Department of Licensing and

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Regulatory Affairs, Cannabis Regulatory Agency, PO 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 shall be subject to fines and/or other sanctions under section 407(1) of the MMFLA, MCL 333.27407(1), and Mich Admin Code, R 420.808.
6. Upon timely compliance of the terms of this order 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 30 days after the date signed by the CRA's executive director or his designee, as set forth below.

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Signed on: 10/30/2023

By: Brian Hanna

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Brian Hanna, Executive Director
or his 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 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 CRA to prove the violations set forth in the formal complaint by presentation of evidence and legal authority, and to present a defense to the violations.
3. The parties considered the following in reaching this agreement:
 - a. Respondent provided a standard operating procedure where it indicated combing harvest batches was not permitted.
 - b. Respondent stated it got a new harvest manager.
 - c. Respondent stated it provided training to its employees on this rule violation.
 - d. This license is now closed.
 - e. Respondent was cooperative and wishes to resolve the allegations without the need for and expense of an administrative hearing.
 - f. Respondent has no prior discipline against its license.
4. The CRA's operations director or his designee must approve this proposed agreement before it is forwarded to the CRA'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 CRA's operations director, executive director, or their designees reject the proposed consent order.

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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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Mitchell

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Desmond Mitchell, Operations Director
or his designee
Cannabis Regulatory Agency

Dated: 10/24/2023

AGREED TO BY:



Drew Nowak, Authorized Officer
on behalf of Respondent
Freedom Green Farms, LLC

Dated: 10/17/2023

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MARIJUANA REGULATORY AGENCY

In the Matter of

Freedom Green Farms, LLC
ERG No.: 002355
License No.: GR-C-000554
ENF No.: 21-00430

CMP No.: 21-001082

FORMAL COMPLAINT

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

1. The Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) is authorized under the Medical Marihuana 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 marihuana facility operations.
4. Respondent’s conduct as described below is a risk to public health and safety and/or the integrity of marihuana 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 Class C grower facility in the state of Michigan.

6. Respondent operated at 1689 Enterprise Dr., Kalkaska, Michigan 49646, 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 July 19, 2021, Respondent had created packages by combining different harvest batches that had different safety compliance test results.
- b. The packages contained at least the following Metrc tag numbers:
1A405010000DFD5000000973, 1A405010000DFD5000000975,
1A405010000DFD5000000979, 1A405010000DFD5000000983, and
1A405010000DFD5000000985.
- c. On or about July 20, 2021, the packages were shipped to a medical marijuana processor facility.
- d. On August 3, 2021, the MRA received notification from the medical marijuana processor that the packages it received from Respondent were not created compliantly.
- e. The MRA conducted an analysis of the packages in the statewide monitoring system (Metrc) and reviewed photographs of the packages provided by the complaining processor.
- f. A medical marihuana grower facility cannot combine different harvest batches after testing as the potency of the created packages cannot be determined.
- g. Additionally, upon combination the created packages are no longer representative of the safety compliance test results that came from the harvest batches.

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- h. Respondent combined different harvest batches after testing, resulting in the potency and other safety compliance test results of the created packages being deceptive, false, or misleading in violation of Mich Admin Code, R 420.507(2), which states marihuana product must not be advertised in a way that is deceptive, false, or misleading. A person shall not make any deceptive, false, or misleading assertions or statements on any marihuana product, sign, or document provided.

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 420.704(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 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 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:

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

In Person: Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs
Marijuana Regulatory Agency
2407 North Grand River

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By Email: MRA-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 Marijuana Regulatory Agency at (517) 284-8599 or MRA-LegalHearings@michigan.gov.

Dated: 10/12/21

By: Claire Patterson
Claire Patterson, Manager
Scientific and Legal Section Manager
Enforcement Division
Marijuana Regulatory Agency

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