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Topic: Packaging and Labeling Compliance Extension

Licensees have alerted the Division of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) to potential delays in global shipping and in manufacturing lead times that may impact their ability to receive packaging compliant with 19 CSR 100-1.120. In light of this information, DCR will provide an additional extension to the current item approval variance deadline. DCR continues to review this information and will issue guidance and an updated variance within the next month.

DCR encourages licensees to continue submitting compliant item approval requests throughout these variance extensions. Upon expiration of the forthcoming extension, any additional extensions will likely only be considered via an individual variance submitted by the licensee. Licensees will be required to show, among other things, that item approval submissions were completed timely. For example, a licensee that chooses to wait to begin submitting compliant items and request a variance due to shipping issues or extended manufacturing lead times as the good cause for additional time will likely not be approved.

For questions or feedback regarding packaging, labeling, and product design compliance or the Item Approval process, please contact the Product Compliance Team by email at CannabisProductCompliance@health.mo.gov.

Licensees may find additional information on our website: https://health.mo.gov/safety/cannabis/facility-comms-guidance.php