Policy on Acquisition of Cuttings or Genetic Plant

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Pursuant to 105 CMR 725.105(N)(2), under certain circumstances, Registered Marijuana Dispensaries (“RMD”) may acquire marijuana seeds, cuttings or genetic plant material.

For organizations with pending applications under review by the Cannabis Control Commission (“Commission”) or with a Provisional Certificate of Registration (“PCR”), cuttings and/or genetic plant material may be acquired within 90 days of the date of receipt of a Final Certificate of Registration (“FCR”).

For organizations which received their FCR on or before December 1, 2017 or existing RMDs in operation as of December 1, 2017, cuttings and/or genetic plant material may only be acquired within 90 days of January 1, 2018, (on or before March 31, 2018.)

Pursuant to 725.105(G)(5), once secured by the RMD, seed-to-sale tracking of cuttings and/or genetic plant material shall commence and will be subject to inspection by the Commission upon request.