

NYCLA Sample Classification and Processing Guidelines

NYCLA is providing this guidance for any cannabis business submitting samples for analysis.

Definitions

Compliance Sample - cannabis product that has been processed and is in its final packaging as intended for sale.

Process Sample - cannabis product that is drawn from the process line at any stage of production prior to final packaging.

Research and Development - sample of any product or intermediary not intended for final sale

Compliance samples are subject to Office of Cannabis Management Regulations and must meet specific testing criteria and limits (NYS Title 9 Part 130). Process samples and research and development samples are not required to adhere to compliance sample criteria and are not subject to OCM or NYS oversight, however, it is recommended that similar analytical methods and limits are used to provide consistency in testing.

Prioritization of Samples

Samples are prioritized for analysis according to Office of Cannabis Management directives. Their order of priority for intake and analysis are:

1. Compliance Samples submitted with a purchase order from a licensed dispensary. The largest lot size is prioritized for processing first.
2. Compliance Samples submitted without a purchase order. The largest lot size is prioritized for processing first.
3. Process Samples for product lines preparing to produce compliance samples.
4. Research and Development samples.

The OCM directives provide for compliance samples to be analyzed first in order to provide testing capacity for vendors actively supplying operational dispensaries.

Submission of Samples

It is recommended that cannabis businesses utilize a NYCLA member lab for sample analysis. Contact the lab for specific intake criteria. Samples submitted must be identified as Compliance (with or without PO), Process, or R&D. Additionally, samples submitted for Process line Testing must have prior approval from the Office of Cannabis Management.

Process Line Testing – Multiple lots of similar products may be batched for testing using composite testing methods. A line that does not meet testing limit criteria may be reanalyzed using non-composite testing to identify the non-compliant component of the batch. Certificates of Analysis can be issued for the compliant products. Non-compliant products may be remediated and retested.

Lot Testing – Lot testing applies to individual lots with unique SKU numbers. Prior approval for lot testing is not required by OCM.

CONTACT ANY NYCLA LAB FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION