

Bulk Flower Guidance

How to Register Bulk Flower & Container Reuse Programs

There are 2 ways to register flower.

1) Pre-packed, branded flower.

Flower pre-packaged for retail sale needs to be registered as a product. Each different strain/cultivar must be registered separately if it is branded and pre-packaged for retail sale. Cultivators who are registering their own flower and want to register both flower and pre-rolls made from that flower may submit one registration application for both flower and pre-rolls (of the same cultivar and/or process lot) including links to both flower and pre-roll packaging.

2) Bulk flower

Bulk flower is flower that is delivered to the retailer in bulk and packaged for retail sale by the retailer at the point of sale.

Cultivators do not need to register unpackaged flower delivered to retailers for sale as bulk flower.

Retailers shall register their bulk flower as, for example, “Cannabis Shop Bulk Flower.” Any bulk flower sold by “Cannabis Shop,” regardless of the cultivator, the cultivar, or the process lot qualifies as Cannabis Shop Bulk Flower **and needs only one registration**. Retailers shall register their bulk pre-rolls separately from their bulk flower.

Retailers bulk flower product registration application will include:

- Link to packaging
- Label with warnings
- Certificate of analysis for each cultivar (Pesticide, Pathogen and Potency)

Retailers may display bulk flower in the store and allow customers to purchase the amount they choose. Retailers shall sell the flower in a child deterrent, reusable container in accordance with all relevant packaging and labeling requirements. **Avoid bare hand contact with bulk flower. Single-use disposable gloves, clean tongs, or other utensil should be available to dispense and package bulk flower.**

Retailers who wish to institute a container reuse program for their bulk flower are encouraged to do so, and do not need to seek prior approval from the CCB. Retailers who wish to institute a packaging takeback program pursuant to Rule 2.8.5 are encouraged to do so and should propose a plan to the CCB for review. Further guidance on packaging takeback programs is forthcoming.

A bulk flower container reuse program shall include the following elements:

- Containers for bulk flower shall meet the requirements of the rule, be child deterrent and maintain child deterrence with re-use.
- Retailers shall only refill bulk flower containers originally supplied by the retailer for bulk flower.
- Upon purchase of bulk flower, retailer shall provide to the customer the cultivar name, potency information, and the certificate of analysis for pathogens and pesticide residues that correspond to the bulk flower purchased.
- Upon refill, retailer shall ensure the container remains child deterrent, or replace the container or a portion of the container (e.g., the lid) so that the container remains child deterrent.
- Retailer shall ensure that the warning label remains legible when the container is refilled or replace the warning label if it is not legible.

The CCB will conduct retail inspections to ensure compliance with bulk flower guidance.