



**SB 22-205 Intoxicating Hemp And Tetrahydrocannabinol Products**  
**Task Force Announcement**

**INTERIM MEETINGS AND SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 MEETING NOTICE**

To All Interested Parties:

The Department of Revenue State Licensing Authority (CDOR), in coordination with the Colorado Department of (CDA) and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), convened the [SB 22-205](#) Task Force to collaborate on a report to the General Assembly concerning intoxicating hemp products. Specifically, SB 22-205 requires the Task Force to study intoxicating hemp products, make legislative and rule recommendations, and analyze the effectiveness of each recommendation. The Task Force is required to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before **January 1, 2023**.

**INTERIM MEETINGS ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Department of Revenue, Department of Public Health and Environment, and Department of Agriculture (Departments) are offering **the below date(s) and time(s) for the purposes of interim meetings** to discuss more narrowly defined topics relevant to the SB 22-205 Task Force Report. These meetings are open to the public and interested parties may submit materials to inform the discussion among Task Force members and other interested parties. Additionally, we acknowledge some Task Force members may not be able to participate in these small group sessions. **These meetings will be recorded and published on the [SB22-205 Task Force Webpage](#) and there will be report-outs at the beginning of the next regularly scheduled Task Force meeting on September 7, 2022.**

**Interim Meeting 1:** Draft Report Outline Discussion

**Meeting:** **Friday, August 19, 2022 2:00-4:00 pm (Zoom)**

**Discussion Topic:** Task Force members will discuss and begin developing the outline for the Task Force report and will identify any topics that require additional research to inform Task Force recommendations.

***Additional Information***

The Departments have prepared a draft outline for Task Force members to review and consider during this discussion, and which flags certain topics or questions that the Task Force will need to prioritize based on group discussions and potential recommendations.

**Interim Meeting 2:** Synthetic & Semi-Synthetic Cannabinoids Discussion

**Meeting:** **Tuesday, August 23, 3033 2:00-4:00 pm (Zoom)**

**Discussion Topic:** Task Force members will discuss and either solidify consensus or counter-arguments regarding the following questions:

- 1) Whether synthetic cannabinoids should be permitted in Colorado;
- 2) Whether semi-synthetic cannabinoids should be permitted in Colorado;
- 3) How are these products defined or categorized
- 4) Which agency should be responsible for regulation and enforcement; and
- 5) If there are any other considerations (such as additional regulations and standards for compliance).

### ***Additional Information***

At this point, the Departments are seeking to initiate a discussion on 1) *semi-synthetic* cannabinoids (cannabinoids that are chemically converted from one type of extracted cannabinoid to another cannabinoid) and 2) *synthetic* cannabinoids (cannabinoids that are created through manufacturing processes from starting materials other than cannabinoids extracted from cannabis, whether such cannabinoid may or may not be found naturally in the cannabis plant).

Additional questions the Task Force may consider as part of this discussion include:

- What are the risks or public health concerns related to synthetic and semi-synthetic cannabinoids?
- Should the chemical modification of cannabinoids be permitted? What types of guardrails would need to be set in statute or rule if chemical modification is permitted?
- Should the manufacture of synthetic cannabinoids be permitted? What types of guardrails may need to be set in statute or rule if manufacture of synthetic cannabinoids is permitted?

Additional resources the Departments and Task Force may consider to inform the discussion:

- Department Resources:
  - [MED Industry-Wide Bulletin 21-07](#) (2021) *Industrial Hemp Product (Production/Use of Chemically Modified or Synthetically Derived THC Isomers from Industrial Hemp Precursors)*
  - [CDPHE Policy Statement](#) - *Production and/or Use of Chemically Modified or Converted Industrial Hemp Cannabinoids*
- General Information - External Sources:
  - Please see the [Shared Information Folder](#) for external sources of information and [additional resources](#) that are available on the internet.

### **Interim Meetings Location**

Virtual Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87531379903>

Zoom Meeting ID: 875 3137 9903

Call in Option: (669) 900-6833

### **Interim Meetings Preparation:**

The interim meetings scheduled for August 19th and August 23rd are on a voluntary basis and the Departments recognize that not all Task Force members may be able to attend both or either interim meeting. Meetings will be recorded and made available on the MED Website as well as via Google Drive.

Task Force members who are available to attend should be prepared to actively participate in the discussion, present data and other relevant materials, and draft proposed recommendations. Leading up to each scheduled Task Force meeting, the Departments will provide any materials, including any written

comments, for Task Force members and other interested parties to review and prepare for the meeting, including potential questions for discussion/input, and subject matter outlines. Meeting materials will be made accessible via Google Drive: [Access to Meeting Materials](#).

### **SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 MEETING UPDATE**

**PLEASE NOTE** that based on Task Force member feedback, the Departments have decided to extend all future monthly Task Force meetings by one hour, so all monthly meetings starting on September 7th will be held from **2:00 pm – 5:00 pm**.

**Task Force meetings, including interim meetings, are open to the public and all interested parties can take an active role in the process by attending Task Force meetings, offering oral comment during the public comment portion of the meetings, and by [submitting written comments](#).**

**Contact Information for Questions:** Please direct any questions you may have regarding the Task Force to:

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