



REQUIREMENTS FOR A CANNABIS GOODS BATCH THAT FAILS REGULATORY COMPLIANCE TESTING

- A cannabis goods batch that fails any test performed by a licensed testing laboratory fails regulatory compliance testing and may not be transported to any retailer for sale.
- If a cannabis goods batch fails regulatory compliance testing, the laboratory may not retest the batch and must issue a Certificate of Analysis (COA) based on the initial testing.
- Cannabis goods that have received a failing COA due exclusively to label claims may be relabeled to match the results on the COA.
- **A licensed testing laboratory shall not amend any COA after issuance.**
- Cannabis goods that fail regulatory compliance testing must be quarantined at the distribution premises with a clearly identifiable batch number.
- Retesting is not a form of remediation. Any retesting performed without remediation will not supersede the original test results performed by the licensed testing laboratory.
- A failed cannabis goods batch may be remediated or destroyed if the licensed manufacturer or licensed microbusiness complies with the following:
 - Prior to any remediation, the licensed manufacturer or licensed microbusiness must submit a corrective action plan to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) at **RP.MCSB@cdph.ca.gov**.
 - CDPH will review and ultimately approve or deny remediation plans.
 - Once the cannabis goods have been remediated and returned to the distributor's premises, the cannabis goods batch must pass all required regulatory compliance testing before being transported to a retailer for sale.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATES OF ANALYSIS (COAs)

- All COAs issued by a licensed laboratory must be sent to **BCC.Labs@dca.ca.gov** within one business day of completing the analyses of the sample.
- The laboratory shall test each sample for each of the required analytes and shall report the results of each analysis performed by the laboratory on the COA.
- Once a sample has been collected by the laboratory, the laboratory must test it for each analyte and must report the results on the regulatory compliance COA.
 - There is no process for the licensee requesting testing to cancel the testing once a sample has been collected from the distributor's premises.
- The COA must accurately reflect all testing that is conducted, even if one or more tests were not requested by the licensee or required by the bureau's regulations.
- **A licensed testing laboratory shall not amend any COA after issuance.**
- A unique lot/batch number must be used to identify each cannabis goods batch. The same batch number may NOT be used for multiple batches.
- The bureau's regulations do not permit the reporting of any results prior to the completion of analyses, nor prior to the release of the regulatory compliance COA.
- Laboratories are not permitted to release results as they become available via an online portal or any other type of notification.
 - For example, it is not permitted to allow the requester to access or notify them of results upon completion of each individual analysis—cannabinoid, pesticide, microbial testing, etc.