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8	DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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10	In the Matter of Citation Against:  ) CASE NO. DCC24-0000749-INV		
11	MY GOLDEN GREEN INC., DBA THE  ORDER ADOPTING STIPULATED SETTLEMENT OF CITATION AND		
12	HUMBOLDT COUNTY COLLECTIVE ORDER AS FINAL DECISION  1670 Myrtle Ave., Suite B		
13	Eureka, CA 95501		
14	Retailer License No. C10-0000997-LIC		
15	Respondent.		
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18	Pursuant to Government Code section 11415.60, and Corporations Code 313, the		
19	Department of Cannabis Control ("Department") hereby adopts the attached Stipulated		
20	Settlement of Citation and Order as its Final Decision in this matter. Pursuant to this Final		
21	Decision, it is ordered that:		
22	1. Respondent's appeal of Citation No. DCC24-0000749-INV and request for		
23	administrative hearing is deemed withdrawn and any further appeal is waived.		
24	2. Respondent shall pay an administrative fine in the amount of twelve thousand dollars		
25	(\$12,000.00) within 30 days of the effective date of the Order and Final Decision.		
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- 3. In addition to the \$12,000.00 administrative fine, Respondent shall pay to the Department costs associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26031 and California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17813, in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) within 30 days of the effective date of the Order and Final Decision.
- 4. The total payment of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), in the form of cashier's check, money order, personal or business check, shall be remitted within 30 days of the effective date of the Order and Final Decision by either the Department's cash payment procedures, or through the mail to:

Department of Cannabis Control By U.S. Postal Service:

> Attn: Cashiers P.O. Box 419106

Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9106

By FedEx or UPS: Department of Cannabis Control

> Attn: Cashiers 2920 Kilgore Road

Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-9106

5. Failure to complete the payments or comply with the above terms of this Order shall result in enforcement of the Order and Final Decision in the Superior Court.

This Order and Final Decision shall become effective on October 29, 2024.

IT IS SO ORDERED, October 29, 2024.

Douglas Smurr

Assistant General Counsel FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL

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14	Retailer No. C10-0000997-LIC			
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16	Respondent.			
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19	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGR	EED by and between the parties to the above-		
20	entitled proceedings that the following matters are	e true:		
21	PAR	ΓIES		
22	1. Jeff Merriman was the Deputy Director of the Compliance Division of the			
23	Department of Cannabis Control (Department). He brought the above-referenced action solely in			
24	his official capacity but has since left the Department. Evelyn Schaeffer is now the Deputy			
25	Director of the Compliance Division of the Department and now the Complainant in her official			
26	capacity in this matter, and is represented in this matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the			
27	State of California, by Matthew S. Beasley, Depu	ty Attorney General.		
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- Respondent My Golden Green Inc. dba The Humboldt County Collective
   (Respondent) is representing itself in this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise its right to be represented by counsel.
- 3. On or about March 24, 2022, the Department issued Retailer License
  No. C10-0000997-LIC to Respondent. The Retailer License was in full force and effect at all
  times relevant to the charges brought in Citation No. DCC24-0000749-INV, and will expire on
  March 24, 2025, unless renewed.

### **JURISDICTION**

- 4. Citation No. DCC24-0000749-INV was issued by the Department on June 18, 2024, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Citation was properly served on Respondent on June 18, 2024. Respondent timely filed its request for hearing contesting the Citation.
- 5. A true and correct copy of Citation No. DCC24-0000749-INV is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

## ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 6. Respondent and its current owners of record and members have carefully read, and fully understand, the charges and allegations in Citation No. DCC24-0000749-INV. Respondent and its current owners of record and members have also carefully read, and fully understand, the effects of this Stipulated Settlement of Citation.
- 7. Respondent is fully aware of its legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Citation; the right to be represented by counsel at its own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on its own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

# <u>CULPABILITY</u>

- 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Citation No. DCC24-0000749-INV.
- 10. Respondent agrees that Retailer License No. C10-0000997-LIC is subject to fines and agrees to be bound by the Department's imposition of the terms set forth in the Order below.

# **CONTINGENCY**

11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Department. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Department may communicate directly with the Department regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that it may not withdraw its agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Department considers and acts upon it. If the Department fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement of Citation shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Department shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

# **OTHER MATTERS**

- 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement of Citation, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. This Stipulated Settlement of Citation and Order may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which is an original and all of which taken together form one single document.
- 14. This Stipulated Settlement of Citation and Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement of Citation and Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

1	<u>ACCEPTANCE</u>		
2	I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement of Citation and Order. I understand the		
3	stipulation and the effect it will have on my Retailer License. I enter into this Stipulated		
4	Settlement of Citation and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound		
5	by the Order of the Department of Cannabis Control.		
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7	DATED:		
8	MY GOLDEN GREEN INC. DBA THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY COLLECTIVE;		
9	By: JOANN HAMMANS, OFFICER Respondent		
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11	ENDORSEMENT		
12	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement of Citation and Order is hereby respectfully submitted		
13	for consideration by the Department of Cannabis Control.		
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15	DATED: 10/22/24 Respectfully submitted,		
16	ROB BONTA Attorney General of California		
17	HARINDER K. KAPUR Senior Assistant Attorney General		
18	Matthew S. Beasley		
19	MATTHEW S. BEASLEY		
20	Deputy Attorney General  Attorneys for Complainant		
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# Exhibit A

Citation No. DCC24-0000749-INV



# CITATION, FINE and ORDER OF ABATEMENT Business and Professions Code, § 26031.5 California Code of Regulations, Title 4, §§ 17802-17804

Case Number: DCC24-0000749-INV

Date Issued	June 18, 2024
Issued To	My Golden Green Inc. dba The Humboldt County Collective
Address of Service	1662 Myrtle Ave. Ste A, Eureka, CA 95501
Method of Service	Certified mail
License Number	C10-0000997-LIC

Business and Professions Code section 26031.5 provides the Department of Cannabis Control (Department) the authority to issue a citation, including fines and orders of abatement, to a licensee or unlicensed person for any act or omission that violates or has violated any provision of the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto. You are being issued this citation for the following violations of MAUCRSA (Bus. & Prof. Code (BPC), § 26000 et seq.), and the Department's regulations. (Cal. Code Regs. (CCR), tit. 4, § 15000 et seq.)

VIOLATION	VIOLATION DATE(S)	AMOUNT OF FINE PER DAY	TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINE FOR VIOLATION
1. 4 CCR § 15406, subd. (b)	January 05, 2024 January 14, 2024 January 26, 2024 January 27, 2024 February 11, 2024 February 22, 2024 February 27, 2024 March 02, 2024 March 05, 2024 March 06, 2024 March 13, 2024 March 15, 2024 March 16, 2024 March 17, 2024 March 20, 2024 March 25, 2024 March 26, 2024 March 27, 2024 March 28, 2024 March 29, 2024 March 29, 2024 March 29, 2024 April 01, 2024 April 02, 2024 April 05, 2024 April 06, 2024 April 07, 2024	\$750.00	\$21,750.00
Total Amount of Combined Violations	·		\$21,750.00

**Compliance Division •** 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 800-61-CA-DCC (800-612-2322) • info@cannabis.ca.gov • www.cannabis.ca.gov

Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency

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#### Violation 1.

CCR, title 4, section 15406, subdivision (b), provides that a licensed retailer shall not make any cannabis goods available for sale or delivery to a customer unless the licensed retailer has verified that the cannabis goods have not exceeded their best-by, sell-by, or expiration date if one is provided.

On April 09, 2024, Department staff discovered during the course of a premises inspection that My Golden Green dba The Humboldt County Collective (Licensee) (C10-0000997-LIC), was selling cannabis and cannabis products that had exceeded their best-by, sell-by, or expiration date. Department staff conducted an inventory check of the Licensee's premises and found a total of 49 packages which had exceeded their best-by, sell-by, or expiration date, including cannabis flower, tinctures, and re-rolls. Department staff also observed expired products on display in the retail area with a reduced price of "10% off," and sales receipts later obtained by the Department verified the expired cannabis items were being sold at a discounted rate to consumers.

When a Department Special Investigator questioned the Licensee's co-owner Savannah Snow (Snow) whether or not the best by dates were checked by Snow or the Licensee's staff as part of the required inventory reconciliation, Snow responded "yes." However, when a Department Special Investigator proceeded to follow-up with Snow and ask why the Department was finding so many expired cannabis products at the Licensee's premises, Snow failed to respond. As a result, on April 09, 2024, Snow agreed to a Voluntary Condemnation and Destruction (VC&D) of the expired cannabis and cannabis products.

Additionally, video surveillance requested and reviewed by the Department showed sales of cannabis and cannabis products occurring on April 1, 2024, in the presence of Snow which were past the best-by, sell-by, or expiration date. Video surveillance reviewed by the Department also showed that on April 2, 2024, four (4) jars of unsourced cannabis were dropped off at the Licensee's premises by an individual associated with Dry Farmed Organic Medicinals, LLC. Moreover, Department staff verified the Licensee's sales records in the California Cannabis Track and Trace (CCTT) system, which showed a total of 52 separate sales transactions of 71 expired cannabis products occurring between January 5, 2024, through April 8, 2024.

Licensee failed to verify that cannabis goods had not exceeded their best-by, sell-by, or expiration date, and made the cannabis goods available for sale to customers, in violation of CCR, title 4, section 15406, subdivision (b).



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#### ADMINISTRATIVE FINE ASSESSED

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26031.5, the Department may assess a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per violation by a licensee or thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) per violation by an unlicensed person. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate violation.

The full amount of the fine must be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of service of this citation, unless the citation is contested. To ensure the payment is credited, indicate on your payment the case number provided at the top of this citation. Payment shall be made by one of the following methods:

**In person:** at one of our office locations with exact cash, cashier's check, money order, or a personal or business check:

- To schedule an in-person payment appointment, e-mail us: payments@cannabis.ca.gov
- o Or call us at: 1-844-61-CA-DCC (1-844-612-2322)

By mail: cashier's check, money order, personal or business check

- o U.S. Postal Service: PO Box 419106, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741
- FedEx or UPS: 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Failure to pay the full amount of the administrative fine within thirty (30) days from the date of service of the citation, unless you appeal the citation, is a separate violation and may result in additional action by the Department. Licenses shall not be renewed or granted if fines are not paid and unpaid fines will be added to license renewal fees.

In the instant matter, an administrative fine of \$21,750.00 is assessed against My Golden Green Inc, dba The Humboldt County Collective in accordance with BPC sections 26031.5 for the regulatory violations of CCR, title 4, section 15406, subdivision (b), occurring between January 05, 2024, through April 08, 2024.

#### APPEALING THE CITATION

To appeal the citation, you may request an informal conference with the Department, or request a formal hearing to contest the citation before an Administrative Law Judge, or both. Requests must be submitted in writing in accordance with the timeframes specified below or the right to a hearing is waived. If a hearing is not requested, payment of a fine will not constitute an admission of the violation charged.



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#### INFORMAL CONFERENCE

You may request an informal conference with the Department regarding the acts or omissions found in the citation in accordance with CCR, title 4, section 17803. During an informal conference, you may present evidence supporting an adjustment to the citation and/or fine(s). The Department may affirm, modify, or dismiss the citation, including any fines assessed or orders of abatement issued. The informal conference may also resolve any matters relating to the citation through a settlement agreement.

To request an informal conference, your request must be in writing and submitted to the Department at <a href="mailto:Branden.Howton@cannabis.ca.gov">Branden.Howton@cannabis.ca.gov</a>, within 15 calendar days from service of this citation. The informal conference may be conducted by telephone, through a virtual platform, or in person, at the Department's Headquarters, located at 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, California 95670. The informal conference will be held within 15 calendar days from receipt of the written request by the Department.

Requesting an informal conference does not stay or toll the running of the 30-day period for you to request a formal hearing to contest the citation before an Administrative Law Judge. You should request an informal conference as soon as possible if you would like to allow time to hold the conference prior to the deadline for contesting the citation as the time to contest a citation does not stop if you request an informal conference.

At the conclusion of the informal conference, a written decision stating the reasons for the decision will be mailed to you within 15 calendar days from the date of the informal conference, which shall be deemed a final order. If the citation is dismissed, any request for a formal hearing shall be deemed withdrawn. If the citation is affirmed or modified, you may either withdraw the request for a formal hearing or proceed with the hearing. If the citation is modified, the original citation shall be considered withdrawn and a new citation issued. A request for a formal hearing on the new citation must be submitted to the Department in writing within 30 calendar days of issuance of the new citation.

#### **CONTESTING THE CITATION**

You have a right to contest the finding of a violation before an Administrative Law Judge by requesting a formal hearing. To request a formal hearing, your request must be in writing and submitted to the Department within 30 calendar days from service of the citation. If a request is not received by the Department within 30 calendar days, the right to a hearing is waived, and the citation becomes final and not subject to review by any court. The hearing shall be held pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of



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Title 2 of the Government Code). Written requests for a hearing to contest the finding of a violation must be emailed to <a href="mailto:appeals@cannabis.ca.gov">appeals@cannabis.ca.gov</a> or submitted in hard copy by mail or delivery to:

Department of Cannabis Control Legal Affairs Division 2920 Kilgore Road Ranch Cordova, CA 95670

The Department may seek recovery of the reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Profession Code section 26031.1 at the formal hearing on the citation.

If you have any questions regarding this citation or the appeals process, please contact Branden Howton at <a href="mailto:branden.howton@cannabis.ca.gov">branden.howton@cannabis.ca.gov</a> or 1-279-220-4044.

Date: June 18, 2024	Ву:	
<u> </u>		Janet Ruiz
		Supervising Special Investigator II
		Department of Cannabis Control

#### **PROOF OF SERVICE**

Case Name: In the Matter of Citation Against: MY GOLDEN GREEN INC., DBA THE

HUMBOLDT COUNTY COLLECTIVE DCC Case No. DCC24-0000749-INV License Number: C10-0000997-LIC

I am a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action. My business address is Department of Cannabis Control, 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. On October 29, 2024, I served the within documents:

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document(s) to be sent to the person	ION. Pursuant to CCP § 1010.6, I caused the h(s) at the Email address(es) listed below. I did not ter the transmission, any electronic message or other unsuccessful.
VIA CERTIFIED MAIL by placing the envelope for collection and mailing follow our ordinary business practices for collecting and transmitting mail through the Un States Postal Service to the Respondent listed below.  Service via certified mail to be completed upon the following business day.	
JoAnn Hammans, CEO	Harinder Kapur
My Golden Green, Inc.	Assistant Attorney General
1670 Myrtle Ave., Suite B	Cannabis Control Section
Eureka, CA 95501	Office of Attorney General
Goldengreen420@gmail.com	Harinder.Kapur@doj.ca.gov

I am familiar with the Department's business practices for collecting and transmitting mail through the United States Postal Service. In accordance with those practices, correspondence placed in the Department's internal mail collection system is, in the ordinary course of business, deposited in the United States Postal Service, with postage paid, on the same day I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after the date of deposit for mailing in affidavit.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, and the United States of America, that the above is true and correct.

Executed on October 29, 2024, at Rancho Cordova, California.

Lillian Ouvnn