
Misuse of Drugs

BELIZE:

**MISUSE OF DRUGS (INDUSTRIAL HEMP) REGULATIONS,
2019**

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Citation.
2. Interpretation.
3. Prescribed tetrahydrocannabinol for industrial hemp.
4. Hemp Industry Oversight Committee.
5. Registration.
6. Restriction of field and facility.
7. Restriction on registration of field for cultivating industrial hemp
8. Inspection of facilities.
9. Register.
10. Responsibilities of persons cultivating industrial hemp.
11. Transportation of industrial hemp, etc.
12. Research license.
13. General penalty.

SCHEDULE I
SCHEDULE II
SCHEDULE III
SCHEDULE IV

BELIZE:**STATUTORY INSTRUMENT**

No. 54 of 2019

REGULATIONS made by the Minister responsible for narcotics control, in consultation with National Drug Abuse Control Council, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 54 of the Misuse of Drugs Act, Chapter 103 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 17th August, 2019)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Citation.

**MISUSE OF DRUGS (INDUSTRIAL HEMP)
REGULATIONS, 2019.**

2. In these Regulations—

Interpretation.

“Belize Agricultural Health Authority” means the Belize Agricultural Health Authority established under section 3 of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act;

CAP. 211.

“Belize Police Department” means the Police Department established under section 4 of the Police Act;

CAP. 138.

“Belize Defence Force” means the Belize Defence Force established under section 4 of the Defence Act;

CAP. 135.

“Committee” means the Hemp Industry Oversight Committee established under regulation 4;

“industrial hemp” means any part of the plant of the genus *cannabis sativa* with the maximum tetrahydrocannabinol concentration prescribed under regulation 3; and

“industrial hemp seed” means the seed of the plant of the genus *cannabis sativa* with the maximum tetrahydrocannabinol concentration prescribed under regulation 3.

Prescribed
tetrahydro-
cannabinol
for industrial
hemp.

3. The maximum concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol in industrial hemp is 1%.

Hemp
Industry
Oversight
Committee.

4.- (1) There is established a Hemp Industry Oversight Committee to oversee the registration and licensing of activities under these regulations.

(2) The Committee shall comprise members of the Committee-

- (a) Director on the Belize Agricultural Health Authority representing the Ministry responsible for Agriculture;
- (b) Director on the Belize Agricultural Health Authority representing the Ministry responsible for Trade;
- (c) Director on the Belize Agricultural Health Authority representing the Ministry responsible for Health;
- (d) the Managing Director of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority; and
- (e) a member of the Police Department designated by the Commissioner of Police.

(3) The Committee may co-opt experts as the case may be to guide it in its determinations.

5.-(1) A person shall apply to the Committee in the form prescribed in Schedule I, to be registered to conduct any of the following activities-

Registration.
Schedule I.

- (a) operate a facility to process industrial hemp;
- (b) cultivate industrial hemp;
- (c) process industrial hemp; or
- (d) import or export industrial hemp seeds.

(2) A person shall be registered to conduct the activities under sub-regulation (1) if-

- (a) the industrial hemp has a tetrahydrocannabinol concentration not greater than the amount prescribed under regulation 3; and
- (b) if the industrial hemp will be used for commercial purposes.

6. - (1) A person intending to use a facility for processing industrial hemp or manufacturing products derived from industrial hemp shall apply, in the form prescribed in Schedule II, for registration by the Belize Agricultural Health Authority.

Registration
of field and
facility.
Schedule II.

(2) A person applying for registration of a new facility shall submit the following-

- (a) occupancy certificate from the Central Building Authority or Local Building Authority, as the case may be; and

- (b) fire certificate issued by the National Fire Service.

(3) A person applying for registration of an existing facility shall submit the following—

- (a) non-objection letter issued by the Central Building Authority or Local Building Authority, as the case may be; and
- (b) fire certificate issued by the National Fire Service.

Schedule II.

(4) A person intending to use a field for cultivating industrial hemp shall apply, in the form prescribed in Schedule II, for registration by the Belize Agricultural Health Authority.

(5) A person applying for registration of a field under sub-regulation (4) shall comply with the following conditions—

- (a) demarcating with wooden pegs the boundaries of the area of the field to be used for cultivating industrial hemp;
- (b) maintaining a 50 yards distance between the outer boundaries of the field and the area of the field used for cultivating industrial hemp.

**Restriction
on
registration
of field for
cultivating
industrial
hemp.**

7. The Belize Agricultural Health Authority shall not register a field to be used for cultivating industrial hemp if that field is less than one acre.

8. A field or facility registered under regulation 6 shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by officers of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority and the Belize Police Department to ensure compliance with these regulations.

Inspection of facilities.

9.-(1) The Belize Agricultural Health Authority shall keep a record of every person, field and facility registered under regulations 5 and 6 in the Belize Agriculture Information Management System.

Register.

(2) The register shall include the following particulars-

- (a) the name of the registered person;
- (b) the location and size of the field to be used for cultivating industrial hemp;
- (c) the location and size of the facility to be used for processing industrial hemp or manufacturing products derived from industrial hemp; and
- (d) the type of activities conducted at a facility used for processing industrial hemp.

(3) The information in the register shall be shared with the Belize Police Department and the Belize Defence Force.

10. Every person cultivating industrial hemp shall-

- (a) ensure that the industrial hemp is within the prescribed concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol under regulation 3; and

Responsibilities of persons cultivating industrial hemp.

- (b) in writing, notify the Belize Agricultural Health Authority within 30 days, if-
 - (i) there is a change in ownership of the field used to cultivate industrial hemp; or
 - (ii) the cultivation of industrial hemp is discontinued.

Transportation
of industrial
hemp etc.
Schedule III.

11. Every person desirous of transporting any of the following, shall apply to the Belize Agricultural Health Authority for a hemp movement permit in the form prescribed in Schedule III-

- (a) industrial hemp;
- (b) industrial hemp seed;
- (c) industrial hemp bud;
- (d) fiber made from industrial hemp; or
- (e) oil made from industrial hemp.

Research
license.
Schedule IV.

12.-(1) A person desiring to conduct research on industrial hemp shall apply for a license in the form prescribed in Schedule IV.

(2) An applicant under sub-regulation (1) shall disclose-

- (a) the purpose of the research;
- (b) length of time of research;
- (c) amount, in pounds, of seeds to be tested annually;

- (d) the acreage under production (if applicable);
- (e) intended date of commencement of production; and
- (f) any other relevant information required.

13. A person who contravenes a provision of these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to—

General
penalty.

- (a) a fine of five thousand dollars; and
- (b) the confiscation of the product or closure of the facility, as the case may be.

SCHEDULE I

*[regulation 5]***INDUSTRIAL HEMP REGISTRATION FORM****SECTION 1. APPLICANT/FARMER INFORMATION**

1.1 First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

1.2 Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY): _____

1.3 Gender: Male _____ Female _____

1.4 Specific Address of Farmer:

1.5 Number Of Dependents: Male: _____ Female: _____

1.6 Primary Contact Number: _____ Alternate Contact Number: _____

1.7 Name of Association/ Cooperative farmer is part of (if applicable)? _____

1.8 Email: _____

SECTION 2. COMPANY INFORMATION

2.1 Company Name (if applicable): _____

2.2 Specific Address of Business:

2.3 Number of employee: Male: _____ Female: _____

2.4 Primary Contact Number: _____ Alternate Contact Number: _____

2.5 Email: _____

SECTION 3: HEMP ACTIVITIES TO BE PERFORMED

3.1 List the Industrial Hemp activities that will be performed by the applicant.

SECTION 4: REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

4.1 For the registration to be processed, the applicant or farmer must sign the following statements

I hereby certify that:

All information submitted with this registration form, including any information attached to this form are correct and complete to best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Truth Statement: If the information in this document is found untruthful, the application will be disqualified for 2 years.

SECTION 8: SUBMISSION

Please submit the completed application form to:

1. Chairman
Hemp Industry Oversight Committee
Belize Agricultural Health Authority
Corner Forest Drive and Hummingbird Highway,
Belmopan City, Belize C.A

2. Belize Agriculture Information Management System Email to:
info@agriculture.gov.bz

SCHEDULE II

[regulation 6]

FIELD/FACILITY REGISTRATION FORM**SECTION 1. FARM INFORMATION**

1.1 Total size in acres of available farmland: _____

1.2 Land tenure of farmland: Leased ___ Owned ___ Rented ___

1.3 Water source for plants:

River ___ Rain ___ Pond ___ Stream ___ Well ___ Spring ___ Water System ___ Lagoon ___

1.4 Global Positioning System location of farm:

1.5 Other commodities planted on the farmland:

_____**SECTION 2. CULTIVATION**

2.1 Do you intend to cultivate industrial Hemp this year? Yes ___ No ___

2.2 When do you expect to commence planting? (DD/MM/YY) _____

2.3 How much pounds do you intend to cultivate? Seed/grain _____ Fibre _____

2.4 If the location of your cultivation is known complete **Appendix 1**

If the location of your cultivation site is not known at the time of registration, NOTIFY the Hemp Industry Oversight Committee within 15 days of seeding AFTER you obtain your approval with the following information:

- The number of acres to be cultivated for seed or viable grain and the number of acres to be cultivated for fibre;
- The Global Positioning System coordinates of each site/parcel to be cultivated for seed or viable grain or fibre.
- Updated Appendix 1 form

2.5 What production system will you use for this planting?

2.6 Will you use irrigation for this planting? If yes, which type and how many acres

SECTION 3: ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

3.1 Complete the following table for each proposed site at which the applicant intends to engage in additional Industrial Hemp Activities. Kindly submit additional pages for additional sites

GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM	ADDRESS OR LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION	ACTIVITY AND FORM OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)	
	Site Number: Address: District:	Distribution <input type="checkbox"/>	pedigreed seed viable grain
		Exportation <input type="checkbox"/>	pedigreed seed viable grain
		Importation <input type="checkbox"/>	pedigreed seed viable grain
		Processing <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Production of derivative product <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Research <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Site Number: Address: District:	Distribution <input type="checkbox"/>	pedigreed seed viable grain
		Exportation <input type="checkbox"/>	pedigreed seed viable grain
		Importation <input type="checkbox"/>	pedigreed seed viable grain
		Processing <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Production of derivative product <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Research <input type="checkbox"/>	

SECTION 4: STORAGE SITE

4.1 Industrial Hemp will be stored in the following address:

Global Positioning System	Product stored: Storage capacity:
	Address:
	District:

SECTION 5: PROCESSING

5.1 Please complete the table by identifying each site where industrial hemp processing will take place and what type

Global Positioning System of site:	__ Pressing (complete Section 6)	__ pedigreed seed __ viable grain __ non-viable grain
	__ Rendering non-viable	__ pedigreed seed __ viable grain
	__ Cleaning	__ pedigreed seed __ viable grain __ non-viable grain
	__ Conditioning	__ pedigreed seed __ viable grain __ non-viable grain
Global Positioning System of site:	__ Pressing (complete Section 6)	__ pedigreed seed __ viable grain __ non-viable grain
	__ Rendering non-viable	__ pedigreed seed __ viable grain
	__ Cleaning	__ pedigreed seed __ viable grain __ non-viable grain
	__ Conditioning	__ pedigreed seed __ viable grain __ non-viable grain
Global Positioning System of site:	__ Pressing (complete Section 6)	__ pedigreed seed __ viable grain __ non-viable grain
	__ Rendering non-viable	__ pedigreed seed __ viable grain
	__ Cleaning	__ pedigreed seed __ viable grain __ non-viable grain
	__ Conditioning	__ pedigreed seed __ viable grain __ non-viable grain

5.2 How many pounds of Hemp do you intend to process on monthly basis ?

SECTION 6: PRODUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP DERIVATIVES

6.1 Please provide a description of the final products derived from the value addition to hemp.

Description:

SECTION 7: REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

7.1 For the registration to be processed, the applicant or farmer must sign the following statements

I hereby certify that:

All information submitted with this registration form, including any information attached to this form are correct and complete to best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Truth Statement: If the information in this document is found untruthful, the application will be disqualified for 2 years.

SECTION 8: SUBMISSION

8.1 Please submit the completed application form to:

- 1. Chairman
Hemp Industry Oversight Committee
Belize Agriculture Health Authorities
Corner Forest Drive and HummingBird HWY,
Belmopan City, Belize C.A

2. Belize Agriculture Information Management System Email to:
info@agriculture.gov.bz

APPENDIX 1:

Please indicate each proposed site for cultivation and/or plant breeding of industrial hemp. Submit additional pages for additional sites if needed.

Name of Cultivator	Proposed Legal Location		Activity	Industrial Hemp Form
	Site of Global Positioning System:	Address:	Cultivation__	Pedigreed Seed __ Viable Grain ____ Fibre ____
			Plant Breeding__	
	Site of Global Positioning System:	Address:	Cultivation__	Pedigreed Seed __ Viable Grain ____ Fibre ____
			Plant Breeding__	
	Site of Global Positioning System:	Address:	Cultivation__	Pedigreed Seed __ Viable Grain ____ Fibre ____
			Plant Breeding__	
	Site of Global Positioning System:	Address:	Cultivation__	Pedigreed Seed __ Viable Grain ____ Fibre ____
			Plant Breeding	

REMINDERS AFTER YOU REGISTER

If the location of your cultivation sites were not submitted at the time of application, complete and submit the "Appendix 1" form to the Hemp Industry Oversight Committee within 15 days from seeding. The following information should be provided on the form:

- the number of hectares to be cultivated for seed or viable grain and the number of hectares to be cultivated for fibre;
- the Global Positioning System coordinates to situate each site cultivated;
- if any part of the site is to be cultivated for seed or viable grain, the Global Positioning System coordinates to situate that part of the site;

If changes are required to your existing registration (e.g., addition of a new activity, form of hemp, address on the registration etc), please complete and submit an update of the application form and send to the Hemp Industry Oversight Committee. The original registration form must be returned with your updated application.

SCHEDULE III
[regulation 11]

INDUSTRIAL HEMP MOVEMENT PERMIT

Reference #:

CLIENT TRACKING INFORMATION		
First, Middle & Last Name		Telephone Number
Address: _____		
TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION		
Description of transporting vehicle:		License Plate #:
Make :	Model:	Color:
District Loading:	Address of loading:	
District Destination:	Address of destination:	
PRODUCT DETAILS		
Sample name and Lot Number	Quantity	Transported Product description
Industrial Hemp Certification: To the best of my knowledge the products being transported under this permit are Industrial hemp products.		
Comments: Name of authorized officer: Registration Number: _____ Signature: _____ Date Issued: Stamp:		
VALID FOR 96 HOURS FROM DATE ISSUED (4DAYS)		

SCHEDULE IV

[regulation 12]

INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH LICENCE**SECTION 1. APPLICANT/FARMER INFORMATION**

1.1 First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

1.2 Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY): _____

1.3 Gender: Male _____ Female _____

1.4 Specific Address of Farmer:

1.5 Number Of Dependents: Male: _____ Female: _____

1.6 Primary Contact Number: _____ Alternate Contact Number: _____

1.7 Name of Association/ Cooperative farmer is part of (if applicable)? _____

1.8 Email: _____

SECTION 2. COMPANY INFORMATION

2.1 Company Name (if applicable): _____

2.2 Specific Address of Business:

2.3 Number of employee: Male: _____ Female: _____

2.4 Primary Contact Number: _____ Alternate Contact Number: _____

2.5 Email: _____