



The Truth About Delta-8

GREEN COMPASS CORPORATE POSITIONING

- Delta-8 has been introduced in the US as a temporary loophole, that has significant impacts and is only quasi-legal. In August 2020, the DEA released its interim final rule on hemp, stating that “synthetically-derived tetrahydrocannabinols remain schedule 1 controlled substances.”
- We believe that this category will likely be DEA regulated in the near future. The cannabinoid already has provoked bans in 12 states: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Kentucky, Idaho, Iowa, Mississippi, Montana, Rhode Island and Utah.
- Green Compass is centered on quality and health. Delta-8 is one of the more than 100 cannabinoids naturally occurring in the hemp plant. The most widely used cannabinoid, Delta-9 (THC), is the compound that tends to get people “high”. While botanists would call hemp and cannabis the same thing, the 2018 Farm Bill established a legal difference. At this time, Green Compass is not planning to introduce psychoactive products into our portfolio.
- Although minuscule amounts of Delta-8 are present in all hemp, currently, formulating products with higher levels of this cannabinoid requires extensive synthetic chemical conversions, and potentially risky processing practices. Green Compass carefully ensures that our products are safe, clean and organic.
- Green Compass has strict compliance and research standards we adhere to for each of our products. More research must be done to determine potential effects of higher concentrations of Delta-8 on the brain and body.
- Moving forward, we will continue to closely evaluate the market potential and viability, including additional research, health, safety, legal frameworks and efficacy.



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More states banning Delta-8 THC as regulators clarify its legality under Federal Law

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Delta-8 THC has become a runaway market hit – and more states are responding by cracking down on access to the product commonly derived from hemp extracts.

From Oregon to Alabama, states are reacting to the popular products by:

- Rolling out total bans to limit market access.
- Considering measures to ban the products.
- Setting potency limits on products containing Delta-8 THC.

According to Marielle Weintraub, resident of the U.S. Hemp Authority, a third-party product certification body, states will continue to ban Delta-8 THC and other products like it because the cannabinoid is an intoxicant deemed a controlled substance under federal law.

“Do not produce or sell Delta-8 products without a permit to produce or sell THC as a controlled substance,” Weintraub said.

“The correct path for the legal production and sale of Delta-8 products is through a state-licensed adult recreational or medical marijuana operator.”

“Hemp companies not doing this are risking their brand and business future, sanctions from FDA, FTC, USDA and EPA and possible enforcement actions from DEA and state law enforcement and regulators.”

Weintraub added that hemp operators manufacturing Delta-8 THC will be barred from certifying products through the U.S. Hemp Authority.

CONFUSION REIGNS

The legal status of Delta-8 THC – along with Delta-10 THC, the newest minor cannabinoid creating excitement in the CBD market – has been confusing because of conflicting regulations.

Proponents of products such as Delta-8 and Delta-10 THC argue that the 2018 Farm Bill states all hemp-

derived cannabinoids fall within the definition of hemp, which is a legal crop and no longer a controlled substance.

However, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration issued an interim final rule in late 2020 declaring: *“All synthetically derived (THC) remain Schedule I controlled substances.”*

Because Delta-8 THC is manufactured from hemp-derived CBD, not extracted directly from the hemp plant, it is a controlled substance under law, according to the DEA.

“From a chemist’s perspective, it is clear that the isomerization of CBD to Delta-8 THC with a catalyst is a chemical process,” said Erik Paulson, lab manager at Infinite Chemical Analysis Labs, a cannabis testing laboratory with locations in California and Michigan. *“Any product of a chemical reaction like this one is, by definition, a synthetic chemical.”*

At least five states have considered or are currently updating their laws to specifically govern Delta-8 THC, joining at least 11 that already have laws on the books addressing the minor cannabinoid, which can produce psychoactive effects in some people, although they are considered to be less potent than the Delta 9-THC common in marijuana.

The states that currently ban Delta-8 THC entirely include Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Mississippi, Montana, Rhode Island and Utah.

However, because Delta-8 and Delta-10 THC remain listed on the DEA’s Controlled Substances List as Schedule I controlled substances, along with Delta-9 THC, they remain illegal in all 50 states, Paulson said.

“Some have interpreted the 2018 Farm Bill as the legalization of these other cannabinoids because Delta-9 is the only cannabinoid explicitly listed,” Paulson said.



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