



# Cannabis in Canada: Edibles and Other Updates

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# New categories of available products

## Edibles



## Topicals



## Extracts for ingestion



## Extracts for inhalation



# Why delay legalizing these products?

- Multiple categories of regulations
- Additional health concerns: potency
- Additional health concerns: delayed effects of edibles
- Additional health concerns: children accessing edibles

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## Association of Unintentional Pediatric Exposures With Decriminalization of Marijuana in the United States

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# Packaging and labelling

- Goals: discourage consumption by young people and ensure consumers properly informed
- ✗ No cosmetic or dietary claims, including nutritional claims for ingestible products
- ✓ Must include symbol showing product contains THC and the quantity of that product
- ✓ Must include health warning
- ✓ Must include ingredient list
- ✓ Must specify equivalent to 30 grams of dried cannabis
- ✓ Must be child-resistant





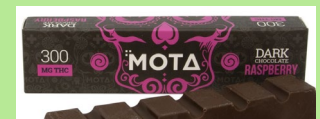
# Packages must be plain

- Strict limits on the use of logos, colours, and branding

## Plain packaged products



## Black market products



# Cannabis products cannot be associated with alcohol or tobacco products

- Products cannot be promoted in a manner that associates them with an alcoholic beverage or tobacco product



# Product content

- Limits on added vitamins and minerals
- Limits on alcohol
- Limits on caffeine
- Extracts
  - No added sugars, sweeteners, colours
  - Added flavours permitted but none that would appeal to children



# Limits on THC per package

Edibles: 10mg



Topicals: 1000mg



Extracts (ingest): 1000mg



Extracts (inhale): 1000mg





# Appealing to children

- Prohibits products that have an “appearance, shape, or other sensory attribute or function that are appealing to young persons”
- Health Canada will examine on a product-by-product basis looking at such factors as shape, colour, flavour, name, packaging, and how it is presented



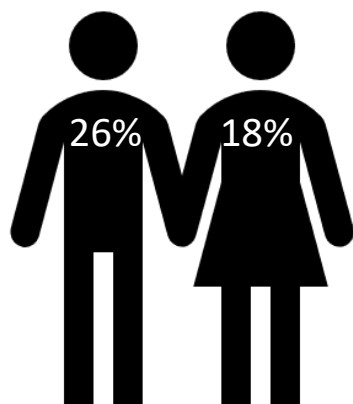
# What next for edibles?

- At least 60 days to see on shelves
- No cannabis cafes anytime soon
  - Need federal license to process cannabis products
  - Province/city would have to consider its laws
  - Cannot manufacture cannabis edibles in same factory as other food products



## Other updates: data on cannabis use

Age	% used cannabis in last 12 months
25 years +	19%
20-24 years	44%
16-19 years	36%



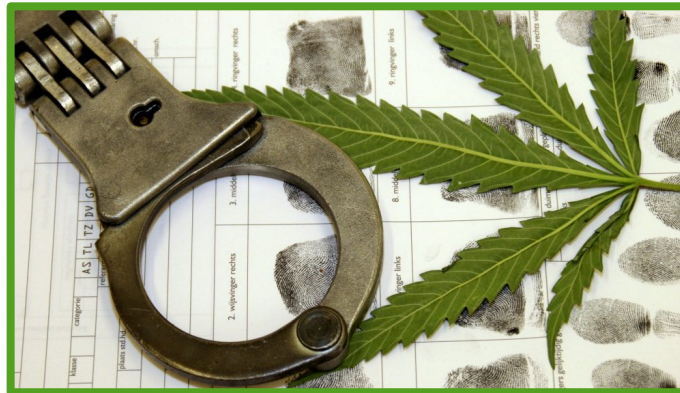
1 charge in Calgary  
8 in Alberta  
100 in Ontario (mostly  
in small towns)

Frequency of use	
Less than 1 day per month	35%
1 day per month	6%
2-3 days per month	14%
1-2 days per week	10%
3-4 days per week	10%
5-6 days per week	6%
Daily	19%

ER visits 10 months pre-legalization	ER visits 10 months post-legalization
139	154

## Other updates: pardons

- Approximately 250,000 Canadians have criminal records for simple possession
- Process: fingerprints, copy of criminal record, record check from their local police
- Free and no waiting period
- Only 44 have been granted
- Older convictions may create problems at the border





## Other updates: medical cannabis

- More insurers covering medical cannabis
- Lobbying to remove \$1/gram excise tax



# Other updates: cannabis in Alberta and Calgary

- Two residential explosions in Edmonton
- Festival event permits in Calgary but not public consumption sites
- Alberta has 306 retail stores
- \$30 million in taxes and \$4.7 million in revenue in first 6 months



## Sales by province, first 6 months post-legalization

Alberta	\$123.7 million
Ontario	\$121.6 million
Quebec	\$119.2 million
Nova Scotia	\$47.9 million
Saskatchewan	\$38.2 million
Manitoba	\$32.2 million
New Brunswick	\$25.9 million
Newfoundland	\$21.1 million
BC	\$19.5 million
PEI	\$10.7 million

# Other updates: litigation

Home cultivation in Quebec



Product quality lawsuits



Self-government claims



Union grievances



Impaired driving





Questions?

