

Draft Terms & Definitions Discussed during the 3/12/24 Advisory Council Meeting

1. **ARM** “Synthetic Cannabinoids” or “Synthetically Derived Cannabinoids” means a chemical substance that is created through a chemical synthesis, reaction, or conversion by human agency, that changes the molecular structure of any chemical substance, including those derived from the plant Cannabis family Cannabaceae.
 - (a) The term does not include:
 - (i) natural cannabinoids or naturally occurring cannabinoids; and
 - (ii) cannabinoids produced by the decarboxylation of natural acidic cannabinoids without the use of a chemical catalyst.
 - (b) The term does include:
 - (i) cannabinoids produced by the decarboxylation of synthetic acidic cannabinoids with or without the use of a chemical catalyst; and
 - (ii) cannabinoids produced by the decarboxylation of natural acidic cannabinoids with the use of a chemical catalyst.
 - (c) The term may ~~or may not~~ include:
 - (i) intoxicating or non-intoxicating cannabinoids; and
 - (ii) cannabinoids with a naturally occurring equivalent.

2. **MCA** “Synthetic Marijuana Products” versus “Synthetic Cannabinoid Product”
 - i. The council discussed updating the current MT statutory nomenclature to a term that better aligns with the national landscape and better describes the actual product. See the proposed update to existing statutory language below:

(41) "Synthetic marijuana cannabinoid product" means marijuana or marijuana consumer products that contain synthetic cannabinoids.

3. **ARM** “Chemical Synthesis” means a chemical or artificial substance created through a chemical reaction or conversion by human agency, involving the use of chemicals and reagents as inputs to reach a desired output, as opposed to those of natural origin.
 - (a) The term does not include:
 - (i) the decarboxylation of acidic natural cannabinoids without the use of a chemical catalyst.
 - (b) The term does include:
 - (i) the decarboxylation of synthetic acidic cannabinoids with or without the use of a chemical catalyst.
 - (ii) the decarboxylation of natural acidic cannabinoids with the use of chemical catalyst.

4. **ARM or MCA** “Natural Cannabinoids” or “Naturally Occurring Cannabinoids” means a naturally occurring chemical substance present naturally in the biomass of the plant Cannabis family Cannabaceae which are separated by a chemical or mechanical extraction process directly from the biomass.
 - (a) The term does not include:
 - (i) synthetic cannabinoids or synthetically derived cannabinoids; and
 - (ii) cannabinoids produced by the decarboxylation of synthetic acidic cannabinoids with or without the use of a chemical catalyst; and
 - (iii) cannabinoids produced by the decarboxylation of natural acidic cannabinoids with the use of a chemical catalyst.
 - (b) The term does include:
 - (i) cannabinoids produced by the decarboxylation of natural acidic cannabinoids without the use of a chemical catalyst.
 - (c) The term may ~~or may not~~ include;

- (i) intoxicating or non-intoxicating cannabinoids; and
- (ii) cannabinoids with a synthetic equivalent.

- 5. **ARM or MCA** “Natural Cannabinoid Product” means consumer products that contain only natural cannabinoids.
- 6. **ARM** “Decarboxylation” means the conversion of an acidic cannabinoid into its neutral form typically with the use of thermal energy such as the conversion of delta-9-THCA into delta-9-THC with heat.

OR

ARM “Decarboxylation” means a reaction that removes a carboxyl group and releases a carbon dioxide such as the conversion of an acidic cannabinoid into its neutral form. *i.e.* The conversion of delta-9-THCA into delta-9-THC using heat.

- 7. **ARM or MCA** “Manufacturing” means “the [production](#), preparation, propagation, compounding, or processing of a substance, either directly or indirectly or by extraction from substances of natural origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, and includes any packaging or repackaging of such substance or labeling or relabeling of its container; except that such term does not include the preparation, compounding, packaging or labeling of a substance in conformity with applicable [State](#) or local law by a [practitioner](#) as an incident to their administration or dispensing of such substance in the course of their professional practice.