#### LICENCING AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

LED-FAQ-01

# CANNABIS TESTING AND SAMPLE SUBMISSION FAQS

### Q. Why type of tests do you provide?

- **A.** Our Laboratory offers clients a wide range of services using state-of-the-art technology. Our lab has the analytical capacity to test for:
  - 1. Cannabinoid potency (measure concentration of (THC/THCA, CBD/CBDA))
  - 2. Cannabinoid profiling
  - 3. Heavy Metals and Trace Metals
  - 4. Pesticides Limit of Quantitation (LOQ)
  - 5. Mycotoxins (Screening of Aflatoxin B1, B2, G1, and G2, and Ochratoxin A)
  - 6. Loss on Drying (Moisture)
  - 7. Terpenes
  - 8. Microbial Analysis
  - 9. Water Activity
  - 10. Foreign Material/Description
  - 11. Residual Solvents

#### Q. How much does testing cost?

**A.** Pricing varies depending on which tests are required. Kindly contact MCAZ to discuss pricing at:

Email: mcaz@mcaz.co.zw

Phone No.: +263-4-736981/5; 708255; 792165; 0772145191/2/3

### Q. What type of samples or products do you accept?

**A.** Our lab accepts a variety of samples for testing, including dried cannabis, cannabis oil, hemp and hemp-based product.

# Q. Do you test hemp?

**A.** Yes, hemp can be tested to assess THC and CBD content as well as for other cannabinoids and various contaminants.

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# Q. How do I submit a sample?

**A.** Visit our MCAZ website at <a href="https://www.mcaz.co.zw/documents/quality-assurance-docs/forms/">https://www.mcaz.co.zw/documents/quality-assurance-docs/forms/</a> and download the sample submission form SR 06 Rev 4\_October 2022-Sample Submission Form.

# Q. How much sample do I need to provide?

# **A.** Be guided by the table below:

| TEST  | AMOUNT OF FLOWER<br>REQUIRED | AMOUNT OF OIL<br>REQUIRED |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cannabinoid profiling   | 20g                          | 10ml                      |
| Cannabinoid potency (measure concentration of (THC/THCA, CBD/CBDA)  | 20 g                         | 10ml                      |
| Foreign Material/Description  | 20 g                         | n/a                       |
| Heavy Metals and Trace Metals   | 20g                          | 5 mL                      |
| Microbial Analysis  |                              |                           |
| Mycotoxins (Screening of<br>Aflatoxin B1, B2, G1, and G2,<br>and Ochratoxin A)  | 20g                          | n/a                       |
| Pesticides Limit of Quantitation (LOQ)  | 10g                          | n/a                       |
| Residual Solvents L   | n/a                          | 5ml                       |
| Cannabis Package  | 50g                          | 50ml                      |
| Cannabinoid Profile   | 10g                          | 5ml                       |
| Terpene Profile   | 10g                          | 10ml                      |
| Loss on Drying (Moisture content) and water activity (Measure of moisture content, and water activity according with type of product) | 10g                          | n/a                       |

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# Q. What will happen to my sample?

**A.** Maximum turnaround time for sample analysis is 25 working days from the day of submission. All samples are destroyed 120 days after reporting to comply with regulatory requirements.

# Q. When will I get my results?

**A.** Maximum turnaround time for sample analysis is 25 working days from the day of submission. However, for faster turnaround, we offer a rush service for an additional charge. Contact us for more information.

# Q. What equipment do you use to do cannabis testing?

# **A.** The equipment;

- 1. Liquid chromatography/triple quad mass spectrometry instrumentation for potency testing and mycotoxin analysis
- 2. Gas chromatography mass spectrometry for terpene profiling and residual solvents

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