

9810.2300 TRANSPORTATION.

Subpart 1. **Applicability.** A cannabis business holding a valid transporter license must establish a standard operating procedure to ensure compliance with this chapter and Minnesota Statutes, chapters 221 and 342. A cannabis business holding a valid transporter license must comply with all commercial vehicle requirements imposed by the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Commerce, and the Department of Revenue.

Subp. 2. **Covered products.** A cannabis transporter must comply with this part when transporting regulated products.

Subp. 3. **Shipping manifest.**

A. Before accepting regulated products from a cannabis business, a cannabis transporter must obtain a shipping manifest. A cannabis transporter must produce a shipping manifest using the statewide monitoring system. A shipping manifest must include:

- (1) the name, phone number, address, and license number of the cannabis transporter;
- (2) the name, phone number, address, and license number of the product shipper;
- (3) the name, phone number, address, and license number of the product recipient;
- (4) the type and quantity of all products being transported;
- (5) the name of each employee or contractor of the cannabis transporter who will participate in the transportation of the products;
- (6) the make, model, year, and license plate number of each cannabis delivery vehicle;
- (7) the planned route;
- (8) the date and time of the cannabis transporter's estimated departure; and
- (9) the date and time of the cannabis transporter's estimated arrival.

B. A copy of the shipping manifest must accompany the products until the products are delivered. The shipping manifest must be available for inspection by the office at any time during transportation. A cannabis transporter may provide the office with a shipping manifest in digital or physical form.

Subp. 4. **Motor vehicle registration.** Motor vehicles used for cannabis transport and regulated under this part must be registered in the state of Minnesota.

Subp. 5. **GPS tracking.** A cannabis delivery vehicle must be equipped with an active global positioning system or other similar satellite-based tracking system.

Subp. 6. **Product secured during transportation.**

A. During transportation, all regulated products must be stored in either a locked compartment of a cannabis delivery vehicle or a locked container inside a cannabis delivery vehicle.

B. The entire cargo bay, cargo area, or trunk of a cannabis transportation vehicle may be used for holding products if:

- (1) the cargo bay, cargo area, or trunk is protected by a locking mechanism with a lock or keypad separate from vehicle door locks;
- (2) the cargo bay, cargo area, or trunk is inaccessible from the driver and passenger areas of the cannabis delivery vehicle; and
- (3) products stored in the cargo bay, cargo area, or trunk are not visible from outside the cannabis delivery vehicle.

C. A cannabis transporter may use a container that is not integral to the cannabis delivery vehicle for holding regulated products if:

- (1) the container is locked;
- (2) the container is secured to prevent removal from the vehicle; and
- (3) products stored in the container are not visible from outside the cannabis delivery vehicle.

Subp. 7. **Identifying logos and business names.** A cannabis transportation vehicle or cannabis delivery vehicle must not contain images prohibited by Minnesota Statutes, section 342.36, and must comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 221.031, subdivision 6, and Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 390.21.

Subp. 8. **Transportation routes.**

A. A cannabis transporter must make reasonable efforts to ensure that driving routes and delivery times are randomized. At a minimum, the same individual must not, on a reoccurring scheduled basis:

- (1) deliver regulated products to the same business;
- (2) deliver regulated products on the same day of the week; and
- (3) deliver regulated products at the same time of day.

B. A cannabis transporter must not deviate unnecessarily from a planned route or schedule. A cannabis transporter must include the following information in the shipping manifest and record this information in the statewide monitoring system:

- (1) any necessary stops that the vehicle makes, other than stops made in compliance with traffic laws;
- (2) any changes to a route;
- (3) any changes to departure times; and
- (4) any changes to delivery times.

Subp. 9. **Vehicle occupants.** A cannabis delivery vehicle that is transporting regulated products must be staffed by at least two individuals, and at least one individual must remain with the vehicle at all times. All occupants of a cannabis delivery vehicle must be cannabis workers employed by or contracted with the cannabis transporter who:

A. are at least 21 years of age; and

B. must carry a valid driver's license with proper endorsements while operating a cannabis delivery vehicle.

Subp. 10. **Inspection.** All vehicles used by a cannabis business for transporting regulated products must comply with all applicable laws, statutes, regulations, and rules for commercial vehicle inspection.

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