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Contact Point: Metrc Support	Subject: Lab Testing requirements and Lab Test Batches	
Reason: Metrc is providing information about the functionality surrounding required compliance testing.		

Greetings,

Metrc, in conjunction with the ABCA, would like to provide guidance on documenting required compliance testing in Metrc using Lab Test Batches. Effective **November 1st, 2024**, licensees will be required to use these standardized Lab Test Batches when submitting medical cannabis for state required testing in Metrc. This functionality will be available for licensed Cultivation Centers and Manufacturers to record compliance testing samples taken by testing facility representatives.

Per ABCA, as of **November 1st, 2024**, Manufacturers/Processors, Retailers, and Couriers will no longer be able to accept packages with a Not Submitted Lab Test Status. Retailers and Couriers will be permitted to continue selling their current inventory with a Not Submitted status until June 4th, 2025, after which all untested products at a Retailer will need to be disposed of or tested.

Please find on the following pages a detailed description of this functionality.

How to Create Test Sample Packages for Regulatory Compliance Testing

To create a test sample package, go to the Packages area on the navigational toolbar and select the Packages option from the dropdown – see **Figure 1**.

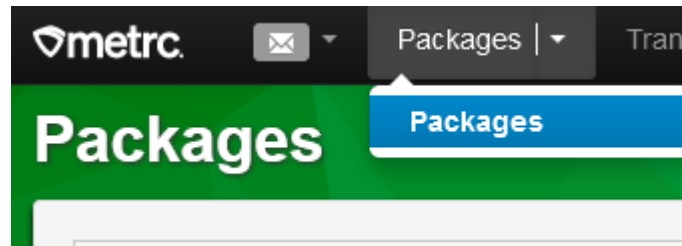


Figure 1: Packages option from dropdown on navigational toolbar

On the Packages grid, select the Active tab, then locate and click on the Package sampled by the testing facility to highlight it in orange and click the Submit for Testing button above the Packages grid. - See **Figure 2**.

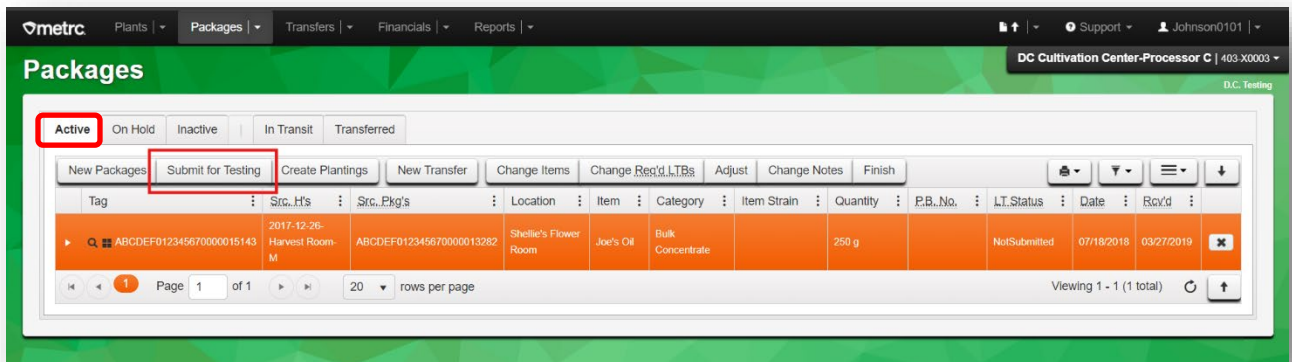


Figure 2: Select Package and Submit for Testing Button to Create a Test Sample

This will open the Submit for Testing action window. The Package sampled by the testing facility is populated on the right-hand side in Package #1 field as the source package. Enter the representative sample amount obtained by the testing facility in the Quantity field for Package #1. Do not enter the entire contents of the source package in the Quantity field as this will empty the package. The remaining quantity in Package #1 after sampling displays below the Quantity field.

Assign a new Package Tag to the test sample package on the left-hand side being created. (Provide the whole physical tag to the testing facility – one portion will be

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attached to the physical container of the test sample that was created and the other portion may be used on the Testing Facility's Chain of Custody or internal paperwork).

By selecting the "Same Item" checkbox, this will assign the same item name as is associated with the source package.

Then select the appropriate Unit of Measure and the Sum button (Σ) is used to populate the same quantity that is being pulled from the source package as the quantity of the new test sample package. Both the test sample package Quantity and the source package Quantity in the action window should be the same amount and unit of measure that was physically taken by the testing facility.

Enter the date the test sample package was created in the Package Date field by selecting the "Today" button.

Select the appropriate Lab Test Batch from the Required Testing menu for the product being tested (see below for a description of Lab Test Batches).

After verifying the accuracy of all of the entries, click the Submit for Testing button.
– see **Figure 2 below**.

Figure 2: Submit for Testing Action Window

The test sample that has been created, as well as the source package, will have the Lab Test Status of “Submitted For Testing” until the testing facility uploads the test results. The test sample package, indicated by the tear drop icon, can now be added to a new transfer to the testing facility. If the source package’s lab test status does not update to either “Test Passed” or “Test Failed” after test results are uploaded, contact Metrc Support for assistance – see **Figure 3**.

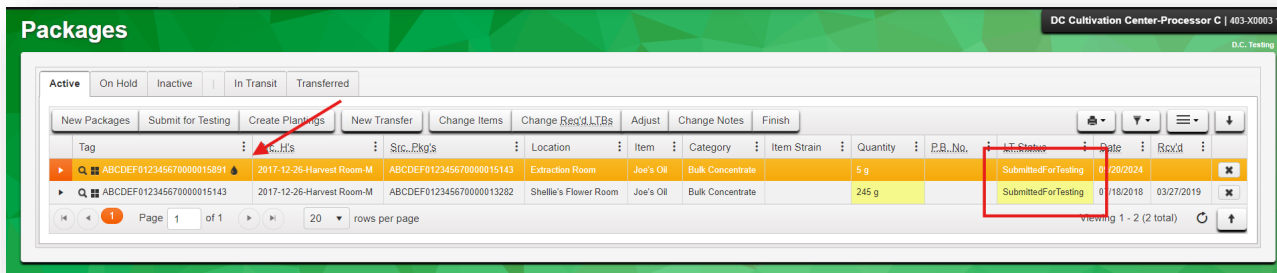


Figure 3: Submit for Testing Test Status

Common Errors and How to Correct

When errors are made during test sample package creation, the ability to move your products, even if the product passed state required testing, can be impacted.

Below are some of the most common errors made by licensees and actions you can take to correct those errors.

Example 1 - Creating Multiple Test Sample Packages from the Same Package

Only one test sample package should be created from a package. Having more than one test sample package can cause the Lab Test Status of a package to be set to Testing In Progress after the testing facility has recorded the test results on the tested sample, preventing you from moving your product.

Resolution: If a duplicate test sample package is in your inventory and the test results have been recorded (Lab Test Status is Testing in Progress), contact Metrc Support for assistance.

If a duplicate test sample package remains in your inventory AND the test results have not yet been recorded on the sample package transferred to the testing facility (Lab Test Status is Submitted for Testing), the duplicate test sample package should be **discontinued**. DO NOT adjust the duplicate test sample package to zero or Finish the package as this will guarantee the product will be locked in the Testing In Progress status after all test results have been entered.

Example 2 - Creating a Child Package from the Source Package Prior to the Testing Facility Entering/Uploading Electronic Results in Metrc.

You should not create any child packages from a source package until the testing facility has entered the test results and the COA has been uploaded in Metrc. Once the test results for the source package are recorded and the Lab Test Status is set to TestPassed or Retest Passed, a child package can be created, which will inherit the test results of the parent package.

*DO NOT create a child package and then pull a test sample from the child package. The test sample should only be pulled from a source package.

Resolution: If the error is discovered prior to transferring the samples to the testing facility, the test sample taken from the child package can be discontinued. If the samples have already been transferred to the testing facility, please contact Metrc Support for assistance.

Example 3 - Pulling from a Test Sample Package to Create a Test Sample Package

Creating a package from a test sample package creates a second test sample package. After the testing facility has recorded the test results and uploaded the COA on one of the samples, the Lab Test Status of the original source package displays on the Packages grid as Testing in Progress.

Resolution: If the error is discovered prior to transferring the samples to the testing facility, the test sample taken from the sample package can be discontinued. If the samples have already been transferred to the testing facility, please contact Metrc Support for assistance.

Example 4 - Pulling the Entire Contents of the Source Package into the Test Sample Package

A test sample should be created with a quantity matching the amount sampled. Verify the new quantity of the source package when creating the test sample package before clicking the Submit for Testing button. It should not be zero.

Required Lab Test Batch guidance

Metrc has configured the available Lab Test Batches to include tests for all required testing for a particular product category. Please reference the following chart for guidance when making this selection during Test Sample package creation – **see Figure 4.**

Production Stage/Product	Product Category in Metrc	Lab Test Batch
<p>Raw Plant Material</p>	<p>Raw Plant Material</p> <p>Buds/Flower</p> <p>Shake/Trim</p> <p>Shake/Trim (by strain)</p> <p>Raw Pre-Rolls</p>	<p>Raw Plant Material</p> <p>Cannabinoid Profile</p> <p>Filth & Foreign Matter</p> <p>Microbials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E.coli • Salmonella • Total Aerobic Microbial Count • Total Yeast and Mold Count <p>Terpenes</p> <p>Water Activity</p>

Production Stage/Product	Product Category in Metrc	Required Testing
<p>Cannabis Concentrate/Extract</p>	<p>Concentrate/Extract</p> <p>Including but Not Limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Resin • Rosin • Hash • Shatter • Oil (Not Vape Oil) • Wax • Budder • Crumble • Tinctures- (Infused Non-edible category) tested as a concentrate • Infused Pre-Rolls • Kief • Caviar • Moonrocks • Distillate 	<p>Concentrate/Extract</p> <p>Cannabinoid Profile Filth & Foreign Matter Microbials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E.coli • Salmonella • Total Aerobic Microbial Count • Total Yeast and Mold Count <p>Moisture Content Residual Solvents Terpenes</p>

Production Stage/Product	Product Category in Metrc	Required Testing
<p>Marijuana Infused Products</p>	<p>Infused Edible</p> <p>Including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cookies, Cakes, Brownies • Gummy products • Beverage- dairy and non-dairy • Carbonated Beverages <p>Infused Non- Edible</p> <p>Including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lotions, topicals, suppositories, etc. • Pain Pills, Salve, Balm, Pain Patches, Capsules, Lozenges 	<p>Infused Edible</p> <p>Cannabinoid Profile Filth & Foreign Matter Homogeneity Microbials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspergillus (Flavus, Fumigatus, Niger, & Terreus) • E.coli • Pseudomonas Aeruginosa • Salmonella • Staphylococcus • Total Aerobic Microbial Count • Total Yeast and Mold Count <p>Moisture Content pH Terpenes</p> <p>Infused Non-Edible</p> <p>Cannabinoid Profile Filth & Foreign Matter Microbials</p> <p>Aspergillus Aspergillus Flavus Aspergillus Fumigatus Aspergillus Niger Aspergillus Terreus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E.coli • Salmonella • Total Aerobic Microbial Count • Total Yeast and Mold Count <p>Moisture Content Terpenes</p>

Figure 4: Product Category and Correlating Lab Test Batches Chart

Metrc resources

If you have any questions, or need additional support, the following resources are available:

Contact Metrc Support

By using the new full-service system by navigating to Support.Metrc.com, or from the Metrc System, click Support and navigate to support.metrc.com and it will redirect to the portal.

Please note: If accessing the portal for the first time, a username (which is established when logging in), the respective state and “Facility license number”, and a valid email to set a password are required.

Metrc Learn

Metrc Learn has been redesigned to provide users with interactive, educational information on system functionality to expand skillsets and drive workflow efficiencies.

Accessing the new [Metrc Learn](#) LMS is simple through multiple convenient locations:

From within the Metrc system

- Navigate to the Support area on the navigational toolbar and select “Sign up for Training” to register.

From the Metrc website

- Navigate to your [state’s partner page](#) and scroll down to the “Metrc’s Training Resources” section to find the link.

Also, save the link as a bookmark in your preferred web browser. If you have the existing link saved as a bookmark, please replace it with the new link.

Access additional resources

In the Metrc system, click on the Support area dropdown on the navigational toolbar and select the appropriate resource, including educational guides, manuals, and more.

Thank you for your continued partnership.