



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
COMMISSIONER TYLER HARPER**

To: Interested Parties

From: Georgia Department of Agriculture Hemp Program

Re: Georgia Department of Agriculture Hemp Program Rules

Following the bipartisan passage and signing of SB 494 into law, the Georgia Department of Agriculture (the “Department”) began work to fulfill its responsibility to promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of the program.

On August 8, 2024, the Department issued a Notice and Synopsis proposing to adopt amendments to preexisting rules, repeal certain preexisting rules, and adopt new rules relating to hemp and hemp products. During the 30 day public comment period that immediately followed, the Department received more than 1,000 written comments and heard in person testimony from more than 40 constituent stakeholders during a public meeting on September 9, 2024.

Following the meeting, the Department finalized a portion of the proposed hemp and hemp product rules, transmitting those rules to the Secretary of State to become effective on October 1, 2024. Based on the valuable feedback the Department received, the Department decided not to finalize other proposed rules, and will publish revised versions of just those proposed rules within the next few weeks. A summary is provided below.

RULES FINALIZED AND SENT TO SECRETARY OF STATE:

- Subject 40-32-1 General Provisions;
- Subject 40-32-2 Hemp Growers;
- Subject 40-32-3 Hemp Processors;
- Subject 40-32-4 Hemp Product Manufacturers, Consumable Hemp Product Wholesalers, Retail Consumable Hemp Establishments, and Registered Laboratories;
- Rule 40-32-5-.01 Standards for Consumable Hemp Products; and
- Rule 40-32-5-.02 Concentration Limits and Contaminant Limits.

RULES TO BE REVISED AND REPUBLISHED TO REFLECT STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK:

- Rule 40-32-5-.03 Labelling of Consumable Hemp Products;
- Rule 40-32-5-.04 Packaging of Consumable Hemp Products;
- Rule 40-32-5-.05 Advertising; and

- Rule 40-32-5-.06 Serving Sizes and Serving Limits.