

## SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

## STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS

2019 NO. 9

(Gazetted 15th April, 2019)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by Section 61 (2) (b) of the Medicinal Cannabis (Industry) Act, No. 28 of 2018 the Minister makes the following Regulations:

**MEDICINAL CANNABIS INDUSTRY (LICENCE FEES) REGULATIONS, 2019**

1. This Regulation may be cited as the Medicinal Cannabis Industry (Licence Fees) Regulations, 2019. Citation and commencement

2. This Regulation comes into force on the 15th day of April, 2019.

3. The following are the prescribed fees for the different classes of licences: Prescribed Fees

TABLE A: TRADITIONAL CULTIVATOR LICENCE FEE				
LICENCE CLASS	SIZE OF LAND (ACRES)	RENEWAL PERIOD (YEARS)	NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE r.5 (2)(c) (ECS)	LICENCE FEE (ECS)
Traditional Cultivator	Up to 5	2	\$100	No cost for first 2 years

**TABLE B: VINCENTIAN CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, TRANSPORT AND RESEARCH LICENCE FEES**

LICENCE CLASS	SIZE OF LAND (ACRES)	RENEWAL PERIOD (YEARS)	NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION) FEE (EC\$)	LICENCE FEE (EC\$)
A	Up to 1 (\$500 per acre or part thereof)	1	\$100	\$500
B	More than 1 and up to 5 (\$500 per acre or part thereof)	2	\$100	\$2,500
C	More than 5 and up to 25 (\$9,000 per acre or part thereof)	3	\$1,000	\$225,000
D	More than 25 and up to 100 (\$8,000 per acre or part thereof)	4	\$2,000	\$800,000
E	More than 100 and up to 300 (\$7,000 per acre or part thereof)	5	\$3,000	\$2,100,000

TABLE C: NON-VINCENTIAN CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, TRANSPORT AND RESEARCH LICENCE FEES					
LICENCE CLASS	SIZE OF LAND (ACRES)	LICENCE PERIOD (YEARS)	LICENCE FEE	NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE	FOOD SECURITY AUTHORISATION FEE (PAYABLE WITHIN 1 YEAR OF LICENSING)
A	Up to 1 (\$100,000 per acre or part thereof)	1	\$100,000	\$5,000	\$250,000
B	More than 1 and up to 5 (\$25,000 per acre or part thereof)	2	\$250,000	\$5,000	\$250,000
C	More than 5 and up to 25 (\$6,667 per acre or part thereof)	3	\$500,000	\$5,000	\$250,000
D	More than 25 and up to 100 (\$2,500 per acre or part thereof)	4	\$1,000,000	\$5,000	\$250,000
E	More than 100 and up to 300 (\$1,780 per acre or part thereof)	5	\$2,670,000	\$5,000	\$250,000

TABLE D: IMPORT / EXPORT FEE PER SHIPMENT	
LICENCE FEE (EC\$)	NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE (EC\$)
\$ 1,000	\$ 500

**Rules  
governing  
applications**

4. (1) A separate application shall be made for each licence type (cultivation, manufacturing, transport, research, import and export) on the prescribed form in the Medicinal Cannabis Industry (Licensing) Regulations.

(2) An applicant shall not be granted multiple licences of the same class.

(3) An application shall specify the acreage of premises at which activities proposed to be authorised by the licence will be carried out.

(4) An application must be made for the maximum acreage in each class.

**Evaluation of an  
application for a  
licence**

5. (1) When evaluating an application for a licence, the Medicinal Cannabis Authority ("the Authority") shall consider the following criteria -

- (a) the personal integrity of each shareholder, director, senior officer and manager;
- (b) the shareholder's ability to finance, the proposed cannabis operation; and
- (c) the expertise of the applicant in the proposed cannabis operation;

(2) An applicant shall satisfactorily address the above criteria as requisite preliminary matters, in order to provide a level of assurance to the Authority relative to the potential for the successful operation of a cannabis enterprise in the state of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

(3) The Authority may take into consideration any substantive non-cannabis investment in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines currently operated by an applicant, in the favourable consideration of an application.

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6. (1) In addition to the provisions of Part II of the First Schedule to the Act, an applicant shall comply with the checklist provided below in order to facilitate the processing of the application -

- (a) A completed application form identifying either Class, A, B, C, D or E;

- (b) A letter of credit or any other instrument authorised by the Authority, to provide and set apart a fully paid-up capital fund before or at the time it commences business, based upon the class of licence for which the application is being made;
  - (c) A police record issued within the past 3 months;
  - (d) Annual financial statements for the applicant's holding company, if any, for the preceding three (3) years and subsequently, annual duly audited and certified financial statements by an independent auditor (consolidated and separate financial statements) where applicable;
  - (e) Any approvals regarding an application to conduct scientific research pursuant to the Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) (Cannabis Scientific Testing) Order;
  - (f) Curriculum Vitae of the cadre of technical experts to conduct operations of the cannabis enterprise; and
  - (g) In respect of a company, a certificate of good standing of not more than one year's issuance.
- (2) The Authority may seek additional information from an applicant in order to satisfy the criteria given above.

Made this 15th day of April, 2019.

**HONOURABLE SABOTO CAESAR**  
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Fisheries, Rural Transformation,  
Industry and Labour.

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