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To: Alaskan Cannabis Professionals  
Industrial Hemp Organizations and Companies

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RE: Alaska Industrial Hemp Pilot Program and Corresponding Registrations and Product Endorsements

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture (DoAg) implemented the Alaska Industrial Hemp Pilot Program. This program follows the guidelines of Section 7606 of the 2014 Farm Bill and State Statutes, (Senate Bill 6; CH 5, SLA 2018). The regulations promulgated by the DoAg provide Alaskans and Alaskan businesses a legal avenue to produce, process, and market industrial hemp and industrial hemp products. (See 11 AAC 40.010 – 11 AAC 40.910)

It is a violation of both state and federal law to produce, process, and/or market industrial hemp or industrial hemp products in Alaska without first being registered with our pilot program. It is also a violation of state law to sell industrial hemp products intended for human or animal consumption that have not received a product endorsement under DoAg's pilot program. This letter is intended to serve as notice that the DoAg will pursue administrative remedies to prevent the sale of unendorsed products, which may include advisory notices, notices of violation, cease and desist orders, and, in the most serious cases, seizure of unendorsed products.

Beginning the week of August 1<sup>st</sup> DoAg program staff and inspectors will begin visiting retail establishments known to grow, process, or offer for sale Industrial Hemp or Industrial hemp products. We encourage companies engaged in Industrial Hemp commerce to register your entity and your products as applicable.

The registration and endorsement process is not complex. Information on the Industrial Hemp pilot Program can be found on the web at <http://plants.alaska.gov/industrialhemp.htm>. In addition to general program information you can find links to all the registration types including product endorsements. The DoAg also has multiple Facebook live events posted to the Alaska Grown Facebook page with more information on the Industrial Hemp Pilot program.

If you have questions about registration or product endorsements please email [industrialhemp@alaska.gov](mailto:industrialhemp@alaska.gov). The DoAg looks forward to working with you to grow the industrial hemp sector in Alaska and to supporting the safe and lawful sale of industrial hemp products to the public at large.

Thank you for your attention!