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| Bulletin Number: MD_IB_0079 | Distribution Date: 02/16/2024 | Effective Date: 02/19/2024 |
| Contact Point: Metrc Support | Subject: Exempt Liquid Edible Products (Medical) Item Category update and Dispensary Hours Clarification | |
| Reason: To notify all licensees that the Exempt Liquid Edible Products (Medical) Item Category is being changed from volume based to count based, and a clarification of dispensary hours of operation. | | |

Greetings,

Based on direction set forth by the Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA), Metrc will be updating the unit of measure within the Exempt Liquid Edible Products (Medical) item category from volume based to count based (or documented as “each”).

Please be advised that this change will take effect on February 19th and all new items created under the Exempt Liquid Edible Products (Medical) item category will need to be created utilizing the “each” unit of measure.

Regarding existing products, the following options in the Exempt Liquid Edible Products (Medical) item category are available:

- Existing products may be sold as is until inventory is depleted.
- Existing products may be remediated by changing package labels, then repackaging the existing product in Metrc utilizing the new unit of measure.

Read on for more information and resource materials.

Exempt Liquid Edible Products (Medical) Item Category

The unit of measure for the Exempt Liquid Edible Products (Medical) item category will now be “each”. To create an item in the Exempt Liquid Edible Products (Medical) category, take the following steps:

- 1) Navigate to the Admin dropdown and select Items.
- 2) Click the Add Items button.
- 3) In the Category dropdown, select “Exempt Liquid Edible Products (Medical)”
- 4) In the Unit of Measure dropdown, select “Each” – **see Figure 1.**

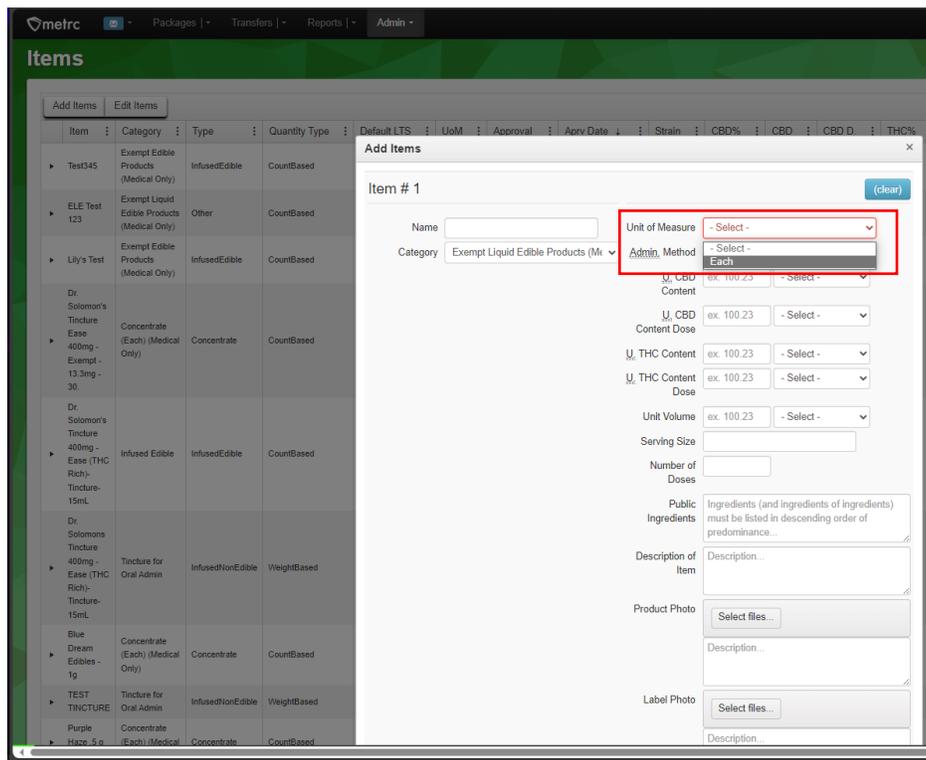


Figure 1: Exempt Liquid Edible Products (Medical) Unit of Measure – “Each”

- 5) Enter all required information in the Add Items window. When finished, click the Create Items button at the bottom – **see Figure 2.**

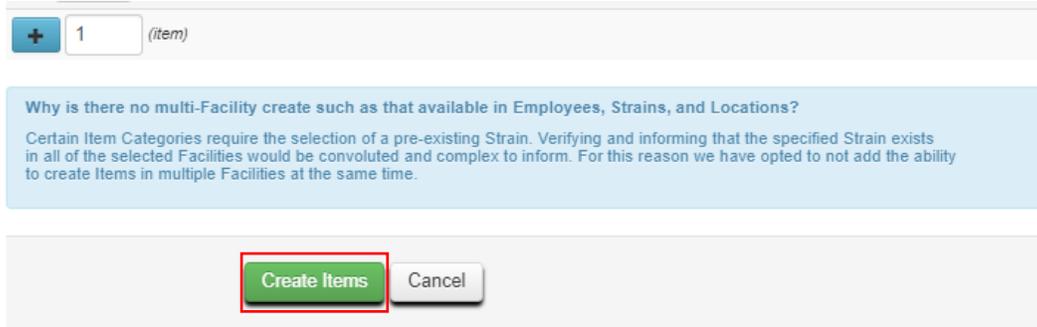


Figure 2: Create Items button

Once the new item is created, it is submitted to the MCA for approval and will show a status of “Ready” in the Approval column on the Items page. Once the item has been reviewed and approved, the status will change to “Approved” – see Figure 3.

| Item | Category | Type | Quantity Type | Default LTS | UoM | Approval | Aprv Date |
|--------------|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|------|----------|------------------------|
| Test345 | Exempt Edible Products (Medical Only) | InfusedEdible | CountBased | NotSubmitted | Each | Ready | 02/07/2024 03:56:28 pm |
| ELE Test 123 | Exempt Liquid Edible Products (Medical Only) | Other | CountBased | NotSubmitted | Each | Approved | 02/07/2024 02:53:41 pm |

Figure 3: New Item approval status

Once approved, a package can be created with the new item following the normal package creation process.

Clarification of Dispensary Hours of Operation

The MCA and Metrc is issuing this notice to clarify hours of operation for all licensed cannabis dispensaries.

COMAR 14.17.12.09 Hours of Operations allows a dispensary to be open for business for up to 12 hours per day. A dispensary may not open for business before 8 a.m. and may not operate after 10 p.m.

COMAR 10.62.27.08 requires a licensed dispensary to post its hours of business at the entrance to the public zone. No sales shall be conducted prior to or after the hours of business posted by the dispensary. A dispensary may choose to operate less than 12 hours per day at their discretion, although sales may only be conducted during its posted hours of business.

COMAR 10.62.27.04 requires that dispensary agents may remove cannabis inventory from the secure room no more than one hour before the dispensary opens for business. Cannabis inventory may be held outside the secure room during dispensary business hours. Cannabis inventory must be returned to the secure room within one hour after the dispensary's business hours close for the day.

It is recommended that licensed dispensaries manage their lobbies accordingly and clearly inform patients and consumers that no sales will be completed after the posted hours of business.

Metrc Resources

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

Contact Metrc Support: support.metrc.com

Metrc Learn: Metrc Learn is designed to offer educational opportunities to enhance users' skills with the Metrc system and provides various training options based on experience level. In addition, the learning system is organized into facility-specific programs made up of various courses. To login, visit [Metrc Learn](#) and enter your login credentials, or to access, register by visiting the [Metrc Learn Registration](#).

Access additional resources: In the Metrc system, click on the "Support" dropdown in the top-right navigational toolbar and select the appropriate resource, including educational guides and more.

Thank you for your continued partnership.