

Bulletin Number: OR_IB_0052	Distribution Date: 5/6/2024	Effective Date: 6/17/2024
Contact Point: Metrc Support	Subject: Notice of plant group tracking implementation.	
Reason: An overview of the key dates, training access, tag quantities, and OLCC rules changes for plant group tracking.		

Greetings,

In accordance with the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC), Metrc will be releasing new functionality to support the general availability of plant group tracking for Oregon's cannabis cultivators, which goes into effect on **June 17, 2024**.

New functionality will only be relevant for Metrc users in Oregon who choose to operate under the new plant group tracking guidelines and will require a change to users' standard operating procedures as it relates to Metrc, including procurement of the proper quantity of RFID-enabled plant tags and using the proper Metrc system functionality to remain compliant with OLCC regulations.

This bulletin contains important information regarding the following topics:

- OLCC rules on plant group tracking
- Key implementation dates
- Plant group tracking overview and tag ordering

For more details, please read on and contact Metrc Support with questions.



OLCC rules on plant group tracking

The rules regarding this change can be found at in <u>OAR 845-025-7520</u> Unique Identification (UID) Tags, <u>OAR 845-025-7570</u> Seed-To-Sale Tracking – Cultivation of Marijuana Plants, and <u>OAR 845-025-7580</u> Reconciliation with Inventory.

Important notes:

- The maximum number of plants per group remains 100.
- These plants must be the same strain, grouped together in the same contiguous area, and physically separated and demarcated from other plant batches.
- The tag(s) will be affixed to the outermost plant in the batch or the segregated area where the batch is located.

Producers may continue tagging individual plants using single-plant tags if they desire. There is no limit on the number of plant batches present at a grow site.

Outdoor producers only:

To ensure outdoor producers do not need to "double tag" during the upcoming planting season, the OLCC has temporarily modified the plant height tagging requirement for outdoor producers and the outdoor canopy of mixed producers.

- Until June 17, plants over 36 inches will not be required to be tagged if they are not flowering.
- If a plant is flowering during that date range, it will need to be tagged.



Overview of important dates

Please review the following dates for the delivery of training resources, training access, plant group tag pre-orders, and the effective date of plant group tagging.

Monday, April 24, 2024

API bulletin was published for third-party integrators in preparation for plant group tracking.

Week of May 6, 2024

Users can access the updated cultivation training for group plant tagging in Metrc Learn. To login, visit <u>Metrc Learn</u> and enter your login credentials, or for first time access, register by visiting the <u>Metrc Learn Registration</u>.

*Note: Metrc Learn registration is required to access on-demand training.

Week of May 20, 2024

- A second bulletin will be published with a detailed walkthrough of the plant group tracking functionality.
- Users can access additional training resources within a live testing environment.
 Details for accessing this environment will be provided in the second bulletin on May 20th.
- Users will have access to pre-order plant group tags. Please note that Producers may continue tagging individual plants using individual plant tags if they desire.

Monday, June 17, 2024

Plant group tracking functionality will be live in the Metrc system.



Plant group tracking overview

Plant group tracking functionality that will be available on June 17th will offer Oregon's cultivators the option to use fewer, standardized plant group tags alongside individual plant tags to enhance flexibility within the Metrc system while maintaining compliance.

Beginning on June 17th, plants can be tracked in the following ways:

- Cannabis Plant 1 QTY (current option)
- Cannabis Plant 5 QTY
- Cannabis Plant 10 QTY
- Cannabis Plant 25 QTY
- Cannabis Plant 50 QTY
- Cannabis Plant 100 QTY
- Use of multiple plant group tags
- Use of different and/or multiple plant group tags and/or individual plant tags

While all Metrc RFID-enabled plant tags arrive compliance-ready, an important difference to note is tag color.

- When tracking plants individually, plant tags remain blue in color.
- When tracking plants in groups, plant tags will be orange in color, and include the clearly printed plant group count for identification purposes – see Figure 1.



Figure 1: Plant Group Tags with quantity displayed in large font

Did you know? All Metrc plant tags are enabled with proprietary RFID technology to help automate compliance and streamline operations. To learn more about RFID and third-party integrator solutions, please visit the <u>Metrc website</u> and <u>Oregon Partner Page</u>.



Plant tag ordering

The process for ordering tags for plant tracking will remain the same and plant group tags will be available for pre-order by May 20, 2024.

For all tag order options, the cost per tag, regardless of tag type, remains equal and is based on total number of tracked plants – **see Figure 2.**

- Cannabis Plant 1 QTY, or 1-plant maximum: \$0.45 per tag
- Cannabis Plant 5 QTY, or 5-plant maximum: \$2.25 per tag (or \$0.45 x 5)
- Cannabis Plant 10 QTY, or 10-plant maximum: \$4.50 per tag (or \$0.45 x 10)
- Cannabis Plant 25 QTY, or 25-plant maximum: \$11.25 per tag (or \$0.45 x 25)
- Cannabis Plant 50 QTY, or 50-plant maximum: \$22.50 per tag (or \$0.45 x 50)
- Cannabis Plant 100 QTY, or 100-plant maximum: \$45.00 per tag (or \$0.45 x 100)

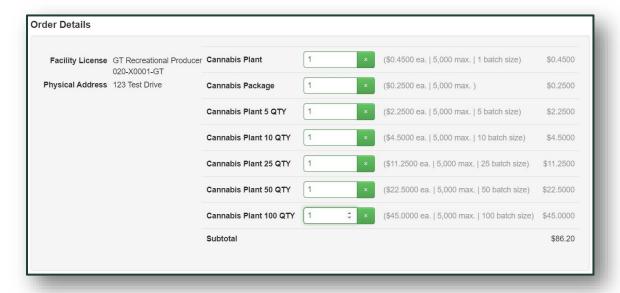


Figure 2: Plant group tag orders

Thank you for your continued partnership. We look forward to providing additional information regarding the upcoming functionality soon.



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 drop-down Support menu in the navigational toolbar and select "Sign up for Training" to register.

From the Metrc website

Navigate to your <u>state's partner page</u> and scroll down to the "Metrc's Training Resources" section to find the link.

Also, save the link – *learn.metrc.com* – 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.