

<b>Bulletin Number:</b> CO_IB_1.5.2026_Creating Production Batches from a Harvest Batch, Transfers and Waste Updates	<b>Distribution Date:</b> 1/5/2026	<b>Effective Date:</b> 1/5/2026
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<b>Reason:</b> Provide step-by-step guidance for creating Production Batches and clarify recent MED rule revisions		

Greetings,

Effective January 5, 2026, the Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) will implement a new rule requiring that all harvested marijuana must be reported as a Production Batch at the cultivation prior to testing, transfer, and/or further processing (i.e. extraction).

Please refer to the MED’s 2025 Final Adopted Rule Revision Redlines for full rule details: <https://med.colorado.gov/rules>

For guidance on creating Production Batches in Metrc, including step-by-step instructions, please review the process outlined below.

## Creating a Production Batch from a Harvest

Beginning January 5, 2026, licensees will no longer be able to create a Test Batch (“Lab/Test Sample”) package directly from a Harvest Batch.

Instead, you must create bulk Production Batch packages, based on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and then create Test Batch (Test Sample) packages from those bulk Production Batch packages. A Harvest Batch may have one or more Production Batch packages created from it. If a single SOP will be used to process all of the plant material from the Harvest Batch, a single Production Batch should be created for that Harvest Batch. If more than one SOP will be used to process the plant material from a Harvest Batch (e.g. Flower to consumers and Pre-Rolled Marijuana), more than one Production Batch should be created.

From the Harvested tab, select the Harvest Batch you want to package and click Create Packages.

The screenshot shows the Metrc web application interface. At the top is a navigation bar with the Metrc logo and menu items: Plants, Packages, Transfers, Financials, Reports, and Admin. Below this is a header for the 'Plants' section. There are several filter tabs: Immature, On Hold, Inactive, Vegetative, Flowering, On Hold, Inactive, **Harvested**, On Hold, and Inactive. Below the tabs are action buttons: Create Packages, Rename, Change Location, Report Waste, Finish, and Restore All. The main content is a table with the following columns: Harvest Batch (with expand, eye, and scissors icons), Strain, Location, Plants, Wet Wgt., Waste, and Total Pkg'd. The table contains three rows of data:

Harvest Batch	Strain	Location	Plants	Wet Wgt.	Waste	Total Pkg'd
Demo - Flo 9.2.25	Flo	Harvest Location	2	2,400 g	0 g	1,800 g
QWS 9/2/25	Metrc Bliss	Harvest Location	4	4,299 g	0 g	4,000 g
R&D BD 9.2.25	Blue Dream	Harvest Location	3	3,900 g	0 g	3,500 g

At the bottom of the table is a pagination control showing 'Page 1 of 1' and a dropdown menu set to '20'.

In the Create Packages window, fill out all required fields, indicating the package is a Production Batch package by selecting the Production Batch checkbox, shown below.

Enter the Production Batch name in the new field that appears.

**Create Packages**
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New Package # 1
(clear)

New Tag

Location

Sublocation    
*(Optional)*

Item

Quantity

Note

Package Date

Use-By Date

Production Batch

Prod. Batch No.

Harvest # 1

Quantity

**Packaging** - new total will be 64 g

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Once created, the Production Batch package will appear in the Packages grid, displaying the Production Batch Number.

**Packages** New UI  Colorado Testing CO Rec-Cultivation | 403R-X0001

Active On Hold Inactive In Transit Transferred

Tag	Src. H's	Location	Item	Category	Quantity	P.B. No.	L.T. Status
ABCDEF0000000C0000020182	R&D BD 9.2.25	Package Room	Blue Dream Buds	Buds	336 g	BDPB9225	NotSubmitted

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## Production & Sampling Overview

A single Harvest Batch may be used to create multiple Production Batches, depending on how the material is processed. Cultivators should create Production Batches based on their Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

### Plants

New UI  | Colorado Testing  CO

Immature	On Hold	Inactive	Vegetative	Flowering	On Hold	Inactive	Harvested	On Hold	Inactive	Additives	Waste																						
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <span>Create Packages</span> <span>Rename</span> <span>Change Location</span> <span>Report Waste</span> <span>Finish</span> <span>Restore All</span> </div> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Harvest Batch</th> <th>Strain</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Plants</th> <th>Wet Wgt.</th> <th>Waste</th> <th>Total Pkg'd</th> <th>Pkg's</th> <th>Weight</th> <th>UoM</th> <th>Lab Testing</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>&gt;   MB Harvest 10.1.25</td> <td>Metrc Bliss</td> <td>Harvest Location</td> <td>6</td> <td>6,541 g</td> <td>0 g</td> <td>0 g</td> <td>0</td> <td>6,541 g</td> <td>g</td> <td>NotSubmitted</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>												Harvest Batch	Strain	Location	Plants	Wet Wgt.	Waste	Total Pkg'd	Pkg's	Weight	UoM	Lab Testing	>   MB Harvest 10.1.25	Metrc Bliss	Harvest Location	6	6,541 g	0 g	0 g	0	6,541 g	g	NotSubmitted
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The below example demonstrates how a single harvest batch is packaged by utilizing SOPs to create distinct Production Batch packages for testing.

#### New Package # 1

New Tag:

Location:

Sublocation:

Item:

Quantity:

Note:

Package Date:  today

Use-By Date:

Production Batch

Prod. Batch No.:

Product Requires Remediation

Remediate Product

Harvest # 1:

Quantity:

**Packaging** - new total will be 5,869 g

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#### New Package # 2

New Tag:

Location:

Sublocation:

Item:

Quantity:

Note:

Package Date:  today

Use-By Date:

Production Batch

Prod. Batch No.:

Product Requires Remediation

Remediate Product

Harvest # 1:

Quantity:

**Packaging** - new total will be 5,869 g

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Once the packages are created, they will appear as Production Batches on the Packages grid.

**Packages** New UI  Colorado Testing CO Rec-Cultivation | 403R-X0001 v

Active On Hold Inactive In Transit Transferred

New Packages Submit for Testing Remediate Decontaminate Create Plantings Unpack Plants New Transfer

Change Locations Change Items Change Req'd LTBs Adjust Change Notes Finish Edit Shelf Life

Tag	Src_H's	Location	Item	Category	Quantity	P.B.	P.B.No.	LT_Status
>   ABCDEF0000000C0000020196	MB Harvest 10.1.25	Package Room	Metrc Bliss Trim	Shake/Trim (by strain)	448 g	Yes	12.30.25-MBT	NotSubmitted
>   ABCDEF0000000C0000020197	MB Harvest 10.1.25	Package Room	Metrc Bliss Pre-packs 3.5g	Buds	224 g	Yes	12.30.25-MB3.5g	NotSubmitted

In the event a Production Batch of Trim will be used to create a new Production Batch of Pre-rolls, select the Production Batch Trim package and create a new Production Batch of Pre-rolls by clicking on the New Packages button.

*Example:* Production Batch trim package -20197 was used to create a new Production Batch package of pre-rolls -20198.

**New Packages**

**New Package # 1** (clear)

**New Tag**

**Location**

**Sublocation**    
(optional)

**Item**

Same Item

**Quantity**     (contents)

**Note**

**Package Date**

**Use-By Date**

Production Batch

**Prod. Batch No.**

**Package # 1**

**Item:** Metrc Bliss Trim

**Current Lab Testing State:** Not Submitted

**Quantity**

Packaging - new total will be 336 g

**Quick Entry**

The resulting Production Batches must undergo and pass all required testing before it can be transferred for sale.

## Creating Test Batch (Test Sample) Packages

To create Test Sample packages, start by highlighting the Production Batch package. Next, click Submit for Testing. On the following screen, select all required or optional test types and complete the remaining required fields. Once all information is entered, click Submit for Testing.

**Submit for Testing**
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New Package Sample # 1
(clear)

**New Tag**

**Location**

**Sublocation**    
(optional)

Same Item

**Quantity**

**Note**

**Package Date**

Process Validation Testing Sample

**Required Testing**

- Homogeneity
- Metals
- Microbial Contaminant
- Microbial Contaminant For Edible/Topical Products Only
- Microbial Contaminant For Remediated Concentrates Only
- Mycotoxin
- Pesticides
- Potency

**Package # 1**

Item: **Blue Dream Buds**

Current Lab Testing State: **Not Submitted**

**Quantity**

**Sampling** - new total will be 318 g

**Source Package** - Weight 336 g

**Quick Entry**

(contents)

The original bulk Production Batch package will remain at the originating facility and display a status of Submitted for Testing until the lab results are recorded by the Testing Facility.

Packages								New UI <input type="checkbox"/>	Colorado Testing	CO Rec-Cultivation   403R-X0001			
Active		On Hold		Inactive		In Transit		Transferred					
New Packages	Submit for Testing	Remediate	Decontaminate	Create Plantings	Unpack Plants	New Transfer	Change Locations	Change Items	Change Regd.LT's	Adjust	Change Notes	Finish	Edit Shelf Life
Tag	Src. H's	Location	Item	Category	Quantity	P.B. No.	LT Status						
> <input type="checkbox"/> ABCDEF00000000C00000020180	QWS 9/2/25	Harvest Location	Metro Bliss Buds	Buds	3,980 g	QWS PB 1	SubmittedForTesting				✕		
> <input type="checkbox"/> ABCDEF00000000C00000020182	R&D 9.2.25	Package Room	Blue Dream Buds	Buds	318 g	BDFB9225	SubmittedForTesting				✕		
> <input type="checkbox"/> ABCDEF00000000C00000020183	R&D 9.2.25	Package Room	Blue Dream Buds	Buds	18 g		SubmittedForTesting				✕		

## MED Rule Revision Notices

### Waste Recording

To ensure clarity around a recent waste reporting rule revision, licensees should report live plant waste **by Location** in Metrc. You can do so by navigating to the Plants Tab and clicking on the Waste tab as shown in the images below.

Notice: There are no new requirements related to waste. The revisions in Rules 3-230 and 3-235 consolidated existing waste tracking requirements. Licensees can enter pre-harvest waste into the inventory tracking system without associating it with specific plants or harvest batches; it should be reported by associating it with the existing location. There is no longer a requirement to maintain a separate log.

### Plants

Immature	On Hold	Inactive	Vegetative	Flowering	On Hold	Inactive	Harvested	On Hold	Inactive	Additives	Waste
Record Waste by Location											
Waste.No.	:	Waste Method	:	Material Mixed	:	Waste	:	Reason	:	Total Plant	
No data is available to display.											
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### Record Location Plants Waste

Location Waste # 1 (clear)

Waste Method	- Select -	Location	Type part of Location name... <input type="text"/>
Material Mixed	<input type="text"/>	Sublocation	Type part of Sublocation name... <input type="text"/>
Waste Weight	ex. 100.23 - Select -	<i>(Optional)</i>	
Reason	- Select -		
Optional Note	<input type="text"/>		
Waste Date	mm/dd/yyyy <input type="text"/>	today <input type="button"/>	

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## **Transfers – Rejections and Returns**

This bulletin provides clarification on expectations for receiving licensees and transporters following a recent rule revision allowing receiving licensees to reconcile discrepancies by the end of the business day. Specifically, this guidance addresses scenarios in which a shipment is rejected, or requires modification, after the transporter has departed the licensed premises.

The rule change does not alter the core expectation for inventory reconciliation: all regulated marijuana on a licensee's premises at the close of the business day must be accurately recorded in the inventory tracking system. This remains true even if the product is subsequently rejected and requires a transfer back to the originating licensee.

A licensee that will return product on a subsequent manifest rather than rejecting it on the original manifest must receive the inventory into their account and then create a manifest to reflect when it will be physically transferred out of the licensed premises.

### **Metrc resources**

Need help getting started? We've put together training materials in [Metrc Learn](#) and Metrc Expert to make sure you're set up for success.

**Metrc Support** – If you have any questions or need additional support, please contact Metrc Support at [Support.Metrc.com](https://support.metrc.com).

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