

Bulletin Number: NY_IB_0011	Distribution Date: 03/26/2026	Effective Date: 3/31/2026 - ongoing
Subject: Retail Item ID Important Updates and Key Dates		
Reason: To provide an important reminder related to Finished Goods, Retail Item ID, and upcoming key dates.		

Starting March 31, 2026, all cannabis products transferred from licensed distributors (including microbusinesses conducting distribution activities) to dispensaries **must have a Finished Goods designation assigned to each Package UID and a Retail Item ID physically attached to each unit.**

For more information on Finished Goods and Retail Item ID workflows, please refer to NY_IB_0012: Finished Goods and Retail Item ID Best Practices.

- Every package transferred must have its own Package UID. Multiple containers may not share one UID. This requirement has been in effect since December 17, 2025. Please see the [Seed-to-Sale FAQs](https://cannabis.ny.gov/sts-faqs) (cannabis.ny.gov/sts-faqs) for more information.

Starting March 31, 2026, any inventory transferred from a Distributor to a Dispensary must have:

- A Finished Goods designation in Metrc
- A Retail Item ID QR code physically attached to each unit
- “TestPassed” or “RetestPassed” status in Metrc before transfer

Note: Any products currently in inventory without a Finished Goods designation in Metrc or a Retail Item ID QR code physically applied do not need to be returned for relabeling and can be sold as is.

Please see the FAQs below for more information.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Package UIDs

Is there a limit to how much product can be assigned to a single Package UID?

A single Package UID cannot represent more than 100 pounds of product within one container. If product is stored across multiple containers (for example, multiple containers within a batch or lot), each individual container must have its own Package UID physically attached.

Dispensaries — Retail Item ID

Do retailers need to relabel every unit of beginning inventory with a Retail Item ID?

No. Retail dispensaries are not required to physically relabel each individual retail unit of beginning inventory solely to add a Retail Item ID.

The use of Retail Item IDs in Metrc is being enforced on the following schedule:

- **December 17, 2025:** Finished Goods are required for transfers from Processors to Distributors.
- **March 31, 2026:** Finished Goods are required for transfers from Distributors to Dispensaries.

For **new products produced** going forward, all required testing, packaging, and labeling — including designating products as Finished Goods for each unit where required — will occur at the Processor license before the product is transferred to a Distributor.

Beginning on February 1, 2026, Distributors gained the ability in Metrc to designate products as Finished Goods and apply Retail Item IDs to applicable units in their inventory to prepare for the March 31, 2026 deadline. This includes associating Finished Goods and applying Retail Item IDs to units from packages that remain in inventory after the beginning inventory period has ended.

The staggered deadlines are designed to allow product to continue flowing through the market without unnecessary disruption, while the new requirements for laboratory testing and Retail Item IDs are implemented at the Processor level and then phased in at the Distributor and Dispensary levels.

Distributors

Will Distributors still be allowed to submit electronic samples for previously tested products after March 31, 2026?

Yes, Distributors will be allowed to submit electronic samples for previously tested products until further notice.

Will Distributors still be allowed to purchase Retail Item IDs after March 31, 2026?

Yes, Distributors will be allowed to purchase Retail Item IDs and complete Finished Good package workflows until further notice.

Other — Retail Item ID

Are multipacks allowed?

Yes, multipacks are permitted. Each product in the multipack must have its own Package UID and be tested individually as a singular product. At the processor facility, products are then combined after testing passes into one child-resistant package with a single Package UID. A single Retail Item ID QR code will link to the COA for each product in the multipack.

Are there any bulletins posted by Metrc as a resource for this change?

Yes. There is a bulletin on how to use Metrc Retail Item ID and electronic sampling functionality for Distributors in New York: NY_IB_0007: Retail Item ID Enablement for Distributors, available at metrc.com/partner/new-york.

Metrc resources

If you need additional support, the following resources are available:

Metrc Support

You can submit and track a case via the [Support portal](#) or by calling 877-566-6506. Our team is available:

- Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. ET – 10 p.m. ET
- Saturday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. ET
- Sunday – Voicemail or portal only

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