



OHIO MEDICAL MARIJUANA CONTROL PROGRAM

MANDATORY PRODUCT RECALL - 10/1/2020 - UPDATE

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Yesterday, the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program (MMCP) issued a [mandatory product recall](#) on edible products sold by Mother Grows Best, LLC dba Verano Brands. This recall was initiated by the MMCP because the product did not pass the full battery of required testing and was sold at specific dispensaries (see [complete recall notice for product and dispensary information](#)).

The MMCP identified the brand product, Encore Edibles (Dark Chocolate), as exceeding the regulatory thresholds for cadmium. Cadmium is a heavy metal found in soil and water that can be absorbed by and accumulated in plants (including cocoa beans) that are used to make food products. For non-smokers, food is the main source of cadmium intake for the general population. Increased daily exposure to cadmium can pose a health risk to patients.

Ohio Admin. Code 3796:4-2-04(H) states a heavy metal contamination analysis passes for cadmium if "the detected amount of cadmium, if any, is less than 0.09 micrograms per kilogram." When establishing the thresholds, the MMCP utilized the average body weight assumption for a 10-year-old child. Utilizing this assumption creates a higher standard for MMCP products, with the goal of reducing the maximum daily exposure to heavy metals for patients.

For questions regarding cadmium, please review the following resources:

- [Food and Drug Administration – Heavy Metals in Food Products](#)
- [Public Health Statement for Cadmium](#) (U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry)
- [World Health Organization - Cadmium](#)

The MMCP continues to investigate this matter and will provide a comprehensive executive summary once complete. As a reminder, no reports of adverse reactions for this product have been reported to the MMCP at this time.

Anyone who thinks that they may be experiencing serious or life-threatening issues should seek immediate medical attention. Patients are reminded that any adverse reactions should be reported to the MMCP toll-free helpline (1-833-464-6627).