ESTABLISHED AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTION

Definitions:
"Established agricultural research institution" has the same meaning as in Section 81000 of the California Food and Agricultural Code.

“Research plan” means a strategy devised by an established agricultural research institution, or applicant established agricultural research institution, detailing its planned approach to growing or cultivating hemp for academic or agricultural research.

License Requirements:
(a) (1) Before cultivating hemp for agricultural or academic research, an established agricultural research institution shall be licensed with the Agricultural Commissioner.

(2) The license application shall include all of the following:
   (A) The name, physical address, and mailing address of the applicant as well as a primary contact name and telephone number.
   (B) The legal description, Global Positioning System coordinates, and map of the geographic area where the applicant plans to engage in hemp cultivation or storage, or both.
   (C) A research plan that shall include all of the following:
      (i) The hemp varieties that will be used and, if applicable, how those varieties will be used for purposes of agricultural or academic research.
      (ii) A plan for testing all of the plants cultivated.
      (iii) The measures that will be taken to destroy any plants with THC concentrations that test above 0.3 percent.
      (iv) The measures that will be taken to prevent the unlawful use of hemp.
      (v) A procedure for the maintenance of records documenting the agricultural or academic research.

   (D) Documentation to support established agricultural research institution affiliation

(3) A licensed established agricultural research institution shall obtain laboratory results in accordance with its approved research plan.

(4) A license issued shall be valid until May 1, 2021.

(b) If the commissioner determines that the requirements for licensing are met and that the applicant is eligible to participate in the hemp program, the commissioner shall issue a license to the applicant.

(c) A licensee that wishes to change or alter the land area on which they conduct hemp cultivation or storage, or both, shall, before any alteration or change, submit to the commissioner an updated license application with the legal description, Global Positioning System coordinates, and map specifying the proposed land change or alteration. Once the commissioner has received
the change to the license application and the commissioner determines that the requirements are met, the commissioner shall notify the licensee that it may cultivate hemp on the changed or altered land area.

(d) A licensee conducting agricultural or academic research who wishes to change any provision of the research plan shall submit to the commissioner a revised research plan. Once the commissioner has received the revised research plan, and the commissioner determines that the requirements are met, the commissioner shall notify the licensee that it may cultivate under the revised research plan.

(e) All records pertaining to the research plan shall be kept and maintained by the established agricultural research institution and be available upon request by the commissioner or a law enforcement agency.

(f) A licensee that no longer meets the definition of an established agricultural research institution shall notify the agricultural commissioner within 24 hours.

Note: Authority cited: Chapter 6.85, Stanislaus County Code.

Milton O'Haire
Agricultural Commissioner / Sealer of Weights and Measures
Stanislaus, State of California

Date April 22, 2020

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California

By Liz King, Clerk of the Board