

**REGULATIONS CONCERNING SUPPLIERS AND ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBERS**  
**Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law**

DATE RECEIVED	FEEDBACK	RESPONSES
	<b>Regulation Concerning Alternate Board Members</b>	
	No feedback received.	
	<b>Regulation Concerning Suppliers</b>	
February 21, 2024	<p>The regulation seems straight forward. My only comment would be that the definition of approved cannabis products should include those produced by First Nations Licensed Producers (FNLPs) and approved by the Board. The entire system is heavily reliant on the cannabis act to define product which severely restricts the economic advantages for everyone and also does not provide additional safety or security.</p>	<p>It is important to remember the decisions that were made by the Council of Chiefs and the community in drafting the <i>Kahnawake Cannabis Control Law</i> (“KCCL”). Following the CDMRP front end work with the community, the Council defined the purpose and scope of the KCCL as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Ensure health and safety of the community, first and foremost;</b></li> <li>2. Establish a licensing process for production, distribution, and sale;</li> <li>3. Harmonize the licensing process for the production of cannabis with the licensing process overseen by Health Canada;</li> <li>4. Establish criteria for the eligibility of licences;</li> <li>5. Establish a regulatory body to be appointed by Chief &amp; Council mandated to regulate all aspects of the cannabis industry;</li> <li>6. Ensure that the community receives tangible socio-economic benefits from the proceeds received from any cannabis operations within the Territory.</li> </ol> <p>It must be noted that while the ultimate goal has always been to have complete control and jurisdiction over the cannabis industry, we are not currently equipped to replace the role of Health Canada.</p>

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		<p>The current system does ensure safety and has ensured effective control over the industry in the community to date.</p> <p>In order to take over their complex role, it will take significant time to develop and implement and will require drafting and amending the Law and its regulations.</p> <p>Given the delays that the industry has already faced, and the fact that the process is under way for dispensaries, it would be unfair and inefficient to undertake such a complex overhaul at this moment.</p>
March 1, 2024	I would like to reiterate again the economic importance of removing HC from the cannabis industry in Kahnawake.	See above response.