On December 17, 2025, and in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:30-19.8(a), the Board of Commissioners for the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission certified that there were a sufficient number of laboratories that have been licensed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-18 or -35 and N.J.A.C. 17:30-18, making the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 17:30-19.2 through -19.7 enforceable. See Resolution 2025-12-17-03. To promote consistency across the industry, all licensed laboratories will begin collecting the required sample amounts outlined in N.J.A.C. 17:30-19.3.

Effective November 30, 2026, all licensed laboratories must submit their updated sampling Standard Operating Procedures ("SOPs") for approval. Once the SOPs are approved, laboratories must complete the necessary training to comply with these requirements by January 1, 2027.

Effective January 1, 2027, laboratories must sample 0.5% of the batch size for the initial full compliance panel for usable cannabis in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:30-19.3(b)(4).

Additionally, effective January 1, 2027, laboratories must sample non-homogenizable cannabis products under N.J.A.C 17:30-19.3(b)(5) in a manner consistent with the applicable category and incremental units. For instance, if a manufacturer produces 700 10-packs of gummies, the laboratory may choose to consider a "unit" to be each individual gummy or each 10-pack of gummies; however, once a selection is made regarding what constitutes a "unit," that definition must be consistently applied in determining the appropriate sample amount.

- If the laboratory considers each individual gummy to be a "unit", the batch will consist of 7000 units (700 x 10 gummies) and the laboratory would need to sample 40 individual gummies, pursuant to 17:30-19.3(b)(5)(vi).
- Alternatively, if the laboratory considers each 10-pack to be a "unit", a batch will consist of 700 units, and the laboratory would need to sample eight 10-packs, pursuant to 17:30-19.3(b)(5)(iv). To be clear, treating the batch as 700 units, but only sampling eight individual gummies is inconsistent with the sampling requirements under the regulations.

Retention samples must also meet the requirements outlined in N.J.A.C. 17:30-19.3(b)(6).