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RESOLUTION 2023-<u>137</u> MODIFICATION OF NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE TO UPDATE APPLICATION TIMELINE FOR CLASS 3 WHOLESALER, CLASS 4 DISTRIBUTOR, AND CLASS 6 DELIVERY SERVICE LICENSES

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-31 through 59 and N.J.A.C. 17:30, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("Commission" or "NJ-CRC") is responsible for accepting, reviewing, and making determinations on applications for personal-use cannabis business licenses and for the expansion of Alternative Treatment Center permits to allow for entry into the personal-use cannabis industry; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.1(b), the NJ-CRC shall accept new license applications and issue additional licenses, as it deems necessary to meet market demands; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2021, the Commission approved a Notice of Application Acceptance, which served as public notice and provided guidance to interested parties about the process and procedures for applying for certain personal-use cannabis business licenses and testing laboratory licenses under Resolution 2021-17; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2021-17 stated that NJ-CRC reserves the right to update the Notice of Application Acceptance, and that any update will be announced at a public meeting, posted on the NJ-CRC website, published in the New Jersey Register, and sent to the NJ-CRC's e-mail list; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2023, the Commission approved to amend the Notice of Application to be consistent with the Commission's recent readoption of rules with amendments, specifically the incorporation of Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler, Class 4 Distributor, and Class 6 Cannabis Delivery Service license application requirements and the revised application timelines and scoring; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has now determined to amend the application timeline such that between September 27 and December 26, 2023, the Commission will accept applications for Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler, Class 4 Cannabis Distributor, and Class 6 Cannabis Delivery Service licenses from Social Equity Businesses only; from Social Equity Businesses and Diversely Owned Businesses between December 27, 2023, and March 26, 2024, and from any cannabis businesses starting on March 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the amendment meets the requirements of N.J.S.A. 24:6I-31 through 59 and N.J.A.C. 17:30, and is structured to promote equitable access to cannabis business opportunities, promote diversity and inclusion in New Jersey's cannabis industry, and address anticipated market needs for the personal-use cannabis market without negatively impacting the medicinal cannabis market;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission that the attached modification of the Notice of Application Acceptance to accept and review applications is hereby approved.

Submitted by:

Dianna Houenou, Chair

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission at its meeting held on the 18th day of July, 2023.

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Dave Tuason, Deputy Counsel

Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Barker				Х		
Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso						Х
Vice Chair Delgado	Х		Х			
Chairwoman Houenou		Х	Х			
Commissioner Nash			Х			