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August 14, 2025

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Nova Farms Woodbury LLC
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Re: FINAL AGENCY DECISION
Nova Farms Woodbury LLC Regulation Waiver Request
NJ-CRC Docket No.: WR029

Dear [REDACTED]:

The New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("NJ-CRC" or "Commission") is in receipt of your request to waive N.J.A.C. 17:30-16.5(a)(6). Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-3.7(a), the Commission may waive a regulatory requirement regarding the operations of a cannabis business, to the extent such waiver does not conflict with any other State law, if in the Commission's determination, such a waiver: (1) is necessary to achieve the purpose of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act ("CREAMM Act"); (2) is necessary to provide access to cannabis items to consumers; and (3) does not create a danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.

The Commission has reviewed your waiver request and has determined that it does not meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 17:30-3.7(a). As articulated in full during the public meeting held on August 7, 2025, waiving 17:30-16.5(a)(6) creates a danger to the public health, safety, and welfare as the image of melting chocolate and use of the word "Chocolates" on the proposed packaging is attractive to children and dangerous as it can confuse the public as to the contents of the cannabis product. As such, your waiver request has been denied.

You may appeal the Commission's determination within 45 days from the date of this Final Agency Decision to the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division, Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 006, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0970.

Thank you for your interest in operating as a Cannabis Business. Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please submit your inquiry to the NJ-CRC Licensing inbox at crc.licensing@crc.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DH' followed by a horizontal line.

Dianna Houenou
Chairperson
New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission