

Harvest Definition

Language currently reads:

4890. Definitions.

(a)(13) "Harvest" means the collection of any portion of industrial hemp plant.

There are a host of circumstances in which a farmer would need to collect a portion of an industrial hemp plant that should not be considered a harvest nor require local jurisdiction notification as would a harvest. These include but are not limited to:

1. Thinning
2. Male culling
3. Testing
4. Removal of diseased parts of the plants,
5. R&D sampling
6. Propagation

Other States' Definitions:

Alaska: "Harvest" means to remove industrial hemp plants, plant parts, grain, or seeds from a grow area.

Arkansas: "Harvest" means the process of collecting plants or any part of plants, including but not limited to viable seeds, flowers, cuttings for propagation, etc.

Idaho: Harvest. To cut, gather, take, or remove all or part of hemp plants growing in a lot for the purpose of distribution, disposal, cloning, handling, sale, or any other use.

Missouri: Harvest—the termination of the cultivation of viable industrial hemp, or the collection of viable seed.

Montana: Harvest: when the hemp plant is cut and no longer growing.

New Jersey: "Harvest" means the termination of the cultivation process, including taking cuttings, or the movement of hemp from a licensed growing area to another location or movement within a licensed growing area between indoor and outdoor planting areas.

Texas: "Harvest" means to cut, gather, take, or remove all or part of the cannabis plants growing in a lot or lots, for the purpose of disposal, cloning, distribution, processing, storage, sale, or any other use. "Harvest" does not include transplants from one lot to another lot if both lots are within the same

license holder's control, and the plants are transplanted according to the hemp program rules and procedures.

Wyoming: Harvest means the collection of any or all portions of hemp from a licensed area.

For Discussion

The "harvest" definition should reference the actual removal of the part of the plant for commercial purposes and could also reference "maturity of the plant."

Recommendation

"Harvest" means the collection of any portion of an industrial hemp plant at the termination of the cultivation process for the purpose of processing, distribution, storage, or sale.

"Harvest" does not include material removed from the plant for:

- testing,
- research and development,
- thinning,
- cloning,
- tissue propagation,
- male culling,
- disposal,
- transplants from one lot to another lot if both lots are within the same permit holder's control.