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1. This Regulation may be cited as Religious Cannabis Regulations.

Interpretation

2. In this Regulation –

“**Act**” means the Cannabis Act, No. [] of 2024;

“**adult**” means a person 21 years of age and over;

“**cannabis licence**” means a holder all cannabis licences and a holder of a Certificate of Recognition as a Central Trading entity;

“**cannabis product**” has the same meaning as in the Cannabis Act, No. [] of 2024;

“**cannabis**” has the same meaning as in the Cannabis Act, No. [] of 2024;

“**Regulated Substance Authority**” (RSA) means the Regulated Substances Authority established under the Regulated Substances Act, No. [26] of 2023;

“**young persons**” has the same meaning as the Cannabis Act, No. [] of 2024.

PART 1

**CULTIVATION BY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION AND USE OF CANNABIS FOR
RELIGIOUS PURPOSES**

Recognition as a Religious Organization

3. –(1) An entity recognized by the Ministry with responsibility for faith-based organizations as a faith-based organization shall be recognized as a Religious Organization.

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- (2) A faith-based organization, recognized per subsection (1) may, by notice to the RSA, designate a church, temple, tabernacle, mansion, parish, or other collective which it serves as an umbrella body or entity for as a Religious Organization in its own right.
- (3) The RSA shall upon receipt of the notice under subsection (2), carry out due diligence checks on the entity provided in the notice and may issue a recognition of the Religious Organization;

Religious place

4. –(1) A recognized Religious Organization may indicate to the RSA by way of notice, the place or places that shall be designated as religious places specific to that organization.
- (2) The RSA shall upon receipt of the notice, carry out due diligence checks on the places provided in the notice and may issue a recognition of each place as a religious place if satisfied that the said places are –
 - (a) places of religious worship;
 - (b) not exposed and open;
 - (c) sufficiently enclosed or remote.
- (3) A place recognized under subsection (2) as a religious place shall be recognized as and viewed as a private place as defined in the Act.
- (4) Consumption and use of cannabis and cannabis products shall be permitted by the adult congregation of the religious origination at the religious place
- (5) Notwithstanding the recognition of the space, a Religious Organization may request temporary approval of a religious space for a specific event or religious celebration. In such circumstances the RSA may recognize the temporary religious space for no more than 48 hours.

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Traditional Cultivation by a Religious Organization

5. –(1) A Religious Organization may apply for and be granted a Traditional Cultivation Licence pursuant to and in keeping with the provisions of the Act.
- (2) A Religious Organization which is issued a Traditional Cultivation Licence shall have all rights, responsibilities, obligations, and duties related to the cultivation and sale of cannabis save and except where specifically excluded on the grounds of religion by these or other related and relevant Regulations.

Cultivation for commercial purposes

6. A Religious Organization which is also the holder of a Traditional Cultivation Licence, cultivating cannabis or intending to cultivate cannabis for a commercial purpose shall be bound by all of the duties, obligations and requirements of a licenced cultivator outlined in the Act, Medicinal Cultivation Regulations, and any other relevant Regulations.

Cultivation for religious purposes

7. –(1) Where cannabis cultivated by a Religious Organization, pursuant to the Act and these Regulations, is not intended for commercial purposes but intended solely for religious consumption by the congregation, the said cultivated cannabis may be exempted from –
 - (a) the requirement for testing provided in Cannabis Testing and Laboratory Regulations; and
 - (b) the requirement to sell to the Central Trading Entity outlined in the Act and the Central Trading Regulations.

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Security of cannabis used for religious purposes

8. –(1) A Religious Organization cultivating cannabis to be used for religious purposes pursuant to the Act and these Regulations shall ensure that all such cannabis is kept secure.
- (2) The method of security shall ensure that the cannabis is not publicly accessible, out of reach of young persons and that the means of security are not easily compromised.
- (3) If a traditional cultivator growing cannabis for religious purposes fails to adequately secure the cannabis or cannabis product, they may be held responsible for any theft or loss resulting directly from inadequate or insufficient method of security.

Transportation to a religious place and consumption in a religious place

9. –(1) If a Religious Organization that is a Traditional Cultivator growing cannabis for religious purposes wishes to transport cannabis from a Cultivation site to a religious space for storage or consumption, they may designate no more than three vehicles which can transport the said cannabis to the secure storage facility or religious place.
- (2) Where the Religious Organization wishes to designate vehicles for transport pursuant to subsection (1) they shall notify the RSA 5 days prior to the intended transportation.
- (3) The RSA may authorize the transportation of the cannabis by the designated vehicles regardless as to whether the designated vehicles meet the requirements provided in the Transportation Regulations.
- (4) No vehicle designated to transport cannabis pursuant to this subsection, shall at any given time, have more than 10 lbs. of cannabis.

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- (5) In the case of Cannabis and Cannabis Products transported pursuant to this section the cannabis or cannabis products shall be stored in a lock box or safe and kept in place not accessible to the general public.

Personal possession

10. Notwithstanding the ability to possess and consumer cannabis within a religious place, a person shall not, be in possession of in excess of 30 grams of cannabis except where duly permitted by the Act.

PART 2

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Required documentation and information

11. The holder of a Licence provided for under these Regulations shall record all information pertinent and relating –
- (a) In the case of a Religious Organization cultivating for Commercial purpose –
 - (i) all information required pursuant to the Medicinal Cultivation Regulations;
 - (ii) any other information required by the RSA.
 - (b) In the case of a Religious Organization cultivating for Religious purposes –
 - (i) all information on the cannabis cultivated;
 - (ii) any other information required by the RSA.

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Theft or loss of cannabis/ or cannabis product(s)

12. A holder of a Licence provided for under these Regulations must, if a theft or loss of cannabis or cannabis products occurs and cannot be explained based on normally accepted operational activities –

(a) notify the police force within 24 hours after becoming aware of its theft or loss;

and

(b) provide the RSA with a written notice within 7 days after becoming aware of the loss or theft

Retention of documentation

13. A holder of a Licence provided for under these Regulations must, retain a record of all cannabis and cannabis products, the sold and the affixing of stamps on pursuant to these Regulations for at least one year.

Reporting and disclosure

14. –(1) A holder of a Licence provided for under these Regulations must inform the RSA of any change to information provided to or otherwise known to be held by the RSA relevant to the activities of the Licence holder under the Act or these Regulations.

(2) The information referenced in subsection (1) shall include subject matter pertaining to

–

(a) a change of employees of a licence holder;

(b) a change to the criminal history of an employee of a licence holder;

(c) a change to the directors, beneficial owners, shareholder or management of a licence holder;

(d) a change to the status of a religious organisation

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- (e) A change in the transportation vehicle
- (f) A change to the list of persons to operate the transport vehicles

Offences

- 15.** Offences provided under these Regulations shall be Class B offences and breaches thereof shall extend to the liability for Class B offences.

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Schedule 1

[Form serial #]

(Section 4)

**APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION AS A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION***(Please complete and submit this application in electronic or printed form).***Please read the following explanatory notes carefully:**

a) Missing information or documents may result in a delay in the processing of the application. Please ensure that all documents listed in the applicable checklist is attached upon submission of the application.

b) Must provide original copies of the following document EXCEPT where stated otherwise:

Application checklist for applicants applying as a Religious Organization:

- Proof of registration as faith-based organization
- Organizational chart

Application checklist continued - all applicants

- Application fee of \$1500 USD
- Two of the IDs detailed in Section 1 (Certified Copies)
- Completed Form 1 # RSAXXX

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION**1.1 Full Name**

Last Name

First name

Other name(s)

1.2 Address

Permanent address

City

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[Insert RSA Logo here]

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Home phone

Cell phone

Work phone

Facsimile

Email address

1.4 Identification

National Insurance Number (NIC)

Please provide 2 forms of ID and include a copy of each ID for which you have provided the details:

National ID Card Number

Exp. Date (DD-MM-YY)

Passport Number

Exp. Date (DD-MM-YY)

Driver's Licence Number

Exp. Date (DD-MM-YY)

2. RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**2.1 Name of entity****2.2 Type of Religious Organization****2.3 Current position****2.4. Registered address**

Address

City

2.5 Registered mailing address (if different from 1.4 above)

Address

City

[Insert RSA Logo here]

[Form serial #]

2.6 Business contact information

Telephone

Facsimile

E-mail address

Website

3. RELIGIOUS SPACE

3.1 Address

Permanent address

City

Permanent address

City

Permanent address

City

The undersigned hereby affirms that the information contained in this application is true and accurate as of the date shown below and the undersigned is authorised to execute this application

This day of,

APPLICANT

Name

Signature

[Insert RSA Logo here]

[Form serial #]



RECORD KEEPING ATTESTATION

(Please complete and submit this form in electronic or printed form).

Please complete the required information. If a section is not applicable, indicate it as such. **All fields indicated by an asterisk (*) are mandatory.**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Full Name

Last Name*

First name*

Other name(s)

1.2 Name of entity

1.3 Type of company (business activity or purpose)

2. RECORD KEEPING METHOD

2.1. What is your recording keeping method?*

Paper-based

Electronic based

Other (please specify below)

[Insert RSA Logo here]

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3. ATTESTATION

The undersigned hereby attests that:

- All applicable documents and information required under the Cannabis Regulations that must be retained by a holder of a Cultivation Licence will be retained accordingly for the noted retention periods as outlined by the respective regulations.
- All applicable documents and information will be entered into the seed-to-sale tracking system as specified by the RSA.

This day of ,

APPLICANT/PERSON AUTHORIZED BY APPLICANT

Name

Signature

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Logo Saint Lucia
Here]

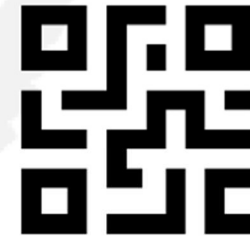
Licence No.

**CANNABIS
PUBLIC CONSUMPTION SPACE
LICENCE**

LICENCE HOLDER:
[Insert name here]

DATE OF ISSUE: [YYYY-MM-DD]
DATE OF EXPIRY: [YYYY-MM-DD]

LICENCE SITE:
[Insert location here]



This licence authorizes the above mentioned holder to engage in activities as prescribed in the *Public Consumption Space and Religious Regulations*, until the expiration date of this licence. This licence issued in accordance with the *Cannabis Act* and *Cannabis Regulations* and is not transferable to any other person or site. This licence shall be displayed in a prominent place at all times at the licenced site. The licence shall be subject to suspension or revocation if the licence is determined to be in violation of the *Cannabis Act* and *Cannabis Regulations* adopted thereunder.

Name
Chief Executive Officer
Regulated Substance Authority

[Insert Seal Here]

Name
Chief Licencing Officer
Regulated Substance Authority

