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**Industrial Hemp Licensing and Authorization  
Statistical Summary  
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# **Office of Controlled Substances**

## **Report On Industrial Hemp Licences**

### **June 2000**

#### **PURPOSE:**

To report on licences issued for the commercial production of industrial hemp under the *Industrial Hemp Regulations (IHR)* and for research purposes under the *Narcotic Control Regulations (NCR)*.

#### **SCOPE:**

This report contains information on licences and authorizations issued under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, with particular reference to the *IHR* and the *NCR*, as of June 21, 2000. While the figures contained herein are accurate at the time of writing, licences and authorizations continue to be issued, as required, until the end of the calendar year.

As indicated in Section 5 of the *IHR*, licences are issued for specific activities including: importation, exportation, production, sale and provision of industrial hemp. A person who holds a licence to engage in an activity with respect of industrial hemp is permitted to possess, transport, send or deliver industrial hemp to the extent necessary to conduct the licensed activity. Authorizations are issued to persons who do not hold a licence and are restricted to possessing, transporting, sending, or delivering industrial hemp for specific purposes.

Data for the two licensing schemes, under the *IHR* and *NCR* respectively, are presented in Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4. Combined data, where comparable, are presented in Table 5.

#### **INFLUENCES ON LICENSING PROGRAM - 2000:**

This year, there is an overall decrease in acreage and numbers of licences issued for cultivation. There were two primary factors which influenced production:

1. The U.S. Border situation: US authorities restricted the importation of products containing industrial hemp for several months.
2. The major contractor for industrial hemp in Manitoba closed its doors leaving contracting farmers uncertain as to existing and future demands .



Tables 1, 2 and 3 provide information on licences and authorizations for commercial activities as of June 21, 2000.

**TABLE 1 - Commercial Application Information as of June 21, 2000**

<b>LICENCE SUMMARY</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>ALTA</b>	<b>SASK</b>	<b>MAN</b>	<b>ONT</b>	<b>QUE</b>	<b>NB</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>PEI</b>	<b>NFLD</b>
<b>Number of Applicants *</b>	290	15	26	78	107	36	26	0	2	0	0
<b>Number of Applicants Issued Licences</b>	255	13	22	67	97	31	23	0	2	0	0
<b>Number of Applications ** submitted for review</b>	412	18	33	86	174	57	35	0	9	0	0
<b>Number of Licences Issued ***</b>	366	16	28	74	155	52	32	0	9	0	0
<b>Number of Applications under Review</b>	34	2	4	10	10	5	3	0	0	0	0
<b>Number of Applications Withdrawn</b>	10	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0

\* *Applicant* refers to a company, co-operative, partnership or individual submitting a request for a licence or authorization to engage in one or more activities at one or more licensed sites.

\*\* *Application* refers to a request for a licence to engage in one or more activities at one site (# of applications = # of sites).

\*\*\* *Licence Issued* refers to a licence to engage in one or more activities at one licensed site (# of licences = # of sites).

The number of applicants is less than the number of licences issued. A single applicant may request licences for multiple activities at multiple locations. Licences are issued to qualified applicants to perform specified activities at one site. A single licence number is issued for each location, even where multiple activities are approved for that site.

**TABLE 2 - Commercial Authorizations as of June 21, 2000**

<b>Authorizations</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>ALTA</b>	<b>SASK</b>	<b>MAN</b>	<b>ONT</b>	<b>QUE</b>	<b>NB</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>PEI</b>	<b>NFLD</b>
<b>Authorizations Requested</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Authorizations Issued:</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>For Sampling</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>For Analytical Testing (Other than THC)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>For Transportation</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>For Custom Drying</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>For Possession for Other Purposes</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Authorizations withdrawn</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**TABLE 3 - Commercial Activities as of June 21, 2000**

<b>ACTIVITY/SCHEDULE</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>ALTA</b>	<b>SASK</b>	<b>MAN</b>	<b>ONT</b>	<b>QUE</b>	<b>NB</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>PEI</b>	<b>NFLD</b>
<b>Schedule 1 (Cultivation) submitted for review</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Licences with cultivation activity granted</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Hectares requested</b>	<b>6345.96</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>306.1</b>	<b>1809.4</b>	<b>3347.4</b>	<b>243.06</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Hectares licensed</b>	<b>5487.06</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>306.1</b>	<b>1426</b>	<b>2906.4</b>	<b>216.56</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Schedule 2 (Import) submitted for review</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Licences with import activity granted</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Schedule 3 (Export) submitted for review</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Licences with export activity granted</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Schedule 4 (Processing) submitted for review</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Licences with processing activity granted</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Schedule 5 (Distribution) submitted for review</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Licences with distribution activity granted</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Schedule 7 (Plant Breeder) submitted for review</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Licences with breeder activity granted</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Schedule 8 (Viability Testing) submitted for review</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Viability testing lab licence granted</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

RESEARCH LICENSES:

The *Narcotic Control Regulations* and related policies govern the requirements for research licences.

**TABLE 4 - Research Applications as of June 21, 2000**

LICENCE TYPES	TOTAL	BC	ALB	SASK	MAN	ONT	QUE	NB	NS	PEI	NFLD
<b>Number of Applicants</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Number of Applicants Issued Licences</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total licences requested (Same as sites)</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total licences issued (Same as sites)</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Applications under Review</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Applications withdrawn</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cultivation licences requested</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cultivation licences issued</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Hectares requested</b>	<b>65.11</b>	<b>8.08</b>	<b>10.12</b>	<b>2.19</b>	<b>31.35</b>	<b>10.33</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Hectares licensed</b>	<b>65.11</b>	<b>8.08</b>	<b>10.12</b>	<b>2.19</b>	<b>31.35</b>	<b>10.33</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0</b>

## COMBINED DATA:

The number of hectares listed, under both the Commercial and Research licensing schemes, are those approved at the time of licensing and may be greater than the number of hectares seeded. Delays due to commercial influences such as unavailability of seeds, licensing procedures, weather conditions, etc. may result in a decrease in the area seeded.

**TABLE 5 - Combined Data as of June 21, 2000**

Total number of Applicants	(1)	570
Total number of Applicants who received licences		494
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Total Number of Applications (sites)	(2)	708
Total Number of Licences Issued (sites)		621
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Cultivation licences requested (Cultivation sites)		333
Cultivation licences granted		310
Total number of hectares licensed for cultivation		5552.17
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Number of Applications in active status (as of June 11) (3)		53
Number of Applications in withdrawn status	(4)	8
Number of Applications transferred	(5)	8
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Number of Applicants refused licences		1
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THC testing laboratory licences granted		13
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- (1) *Applicant* refers to a company, co-operative, partnership or individual requesting a licence for one or more activities at one or more licensed sites.
- (2) *Application* refers to a request for a licence to engage in one or more activities at one licensed site (# of applications = # of sites)
- (3) *Applications in active status* means there is on-going correspondence between the applicant and the Health Canada reviewers. This may include requests for additional information, or for written confirmation of withdrawal.



- (4) Applicant initiated a licence request, but withdrew the request.**
- (5) Incorrect schedule or application was submitted requiring the application to be transferred to authorization, or research licensing scheme.**