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February 1, 2024

ATTN: 2024 Certified Industrial Hemp Handlers

Greetings:

The Nevada Department of Agriculture missed a critical element in the 2024 Industrial Hemp Handler Application.

NAC 557.102(1)(c) requires that a Criminal History Report from the Nevada Department of Public Safety (DPS), that has been completed within 120 days prior to the date of application, be submitted at the time of their application as a requirement for certification. This requirement was not included on the 2024 applications but will be enforced from the date of this notice. In order to maintain compliance with state and federal hemp laws, **the NDA is requiring all certified Handlers to submit a Criminal History Report to the NDA within 30* days of this notice**.**

*It is critical to communicate any delays in the processing of these reports. Please submit a copy of your application to the NDAs Industrial Hemp Program Coordinator once it has been submitted to Nevada DPS. Any delays need to be communicated <u>immediately</u> to the NDAs Industrial Hemp Program Coordinator at <u>thollaway@agri.nv.gov</u>.

**<u>This requirement is mandatory, failure to adhere to this deadline will result in the revocation of any active</u> <u>licenses currently issued per NRS 557.280</u>

Legal Authority:

NAC 557.102 Application for registration: Contents; conditions for approval; consequences for material falsification of information. (<u>NRS 557.200</u>, <u>557.260</u>)

1. In addition to any other requirements set forth in <u>chapter 557</u> of NRS or <u>NAC 587.450</u> to <u>587.491</u>, inclusive, an application submitted to the Department for registration as a grower, handler or producer must:

(c) Be accompanied by a criminal history report of the applicant, or, if the applicant is a business entity, a criminal history report of one key participant of the applicant. The criminal history report must have been completed within 120 days immediately preceding the date on which the application is submitted. The applicant or key participant must not have any change in his or her criminal history between the date on which the criminal history report was completed and the date on which the application is submitted.

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If you have any questions, please reach out to <u>thollaway@agri.nv.gov</u>.

Regards,

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