

Update to Regulations and Distribution of Recreational Cannabis in Canadian Provinces and Territories

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On April 13, 2017, the Federal Government introduced Bill C-45, *An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts (the "Act")*. Once passed, the *Act* will establish a national framework for the governance and strict regulation of recreational cannabis in Canada. Under the proposed *Act*, the Federal Government will be responsible for overseeing the regulatory framework governing the licensed cultivation, production and manufacturing of cannabis and setting industry-wide standards with respect thereto, whereas the provinces and territories will be responsible for regulating the distribution and sale of recreational cannabis within their own jurisdictions.

The *Act* currently provides a general regulatory framework for recreational cannabis, however, provincial, territorial and municipal governments will be permitted to deviate from certain proposed federal standards, including the following limits and restrictions proposed in the *Act*.

The downloadable chart provides an update to the proposed regulatory approaches that have been announced by each province and territory

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