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Important Notice to Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance (CHTA) Members

2021 Official List of Cultivars from Health Canada

Health Canada has just published its list of approved hemp cultivars for the 2021 growing season. The CHTA fully supports the regulations in place for the hemp industry and encourages all members to familiarize themselves with those regulations.

The full Health Canada notice (attached) can also be found here [2021 List of Approved Cultivars](#).

The 2021 LOAC includes the addition of the following 15 new cultivars:

Bialobrzeskie	Bountiful
CW Ambassador	CW Duchess
CWIAS1	Eighty Eight
Henola	HURV19PAN
NWG 2730	Painted Lady
Pembina	Rogue
Santiam	T3H2006
Umpqua	

The following new cultivars are noted as being “Under Observation” - Rogue, Santiam, Umpqua, and NWG 2730. The following explanation of “Under Observation” was provided to the CHTA by Health Canada:

...THC results were not all consistent in light of the submission, but they were under the 0.3% of THC as per the policy in place. As such, until these varieties submit their THC results for this year and the results are reviewed at the next IWG meeting, which will allow the IWG to evaluate the THC levels in Canada, these varieties have been placed under observation. Plus, there is also a link to some research done in the US, which has shown that there is the potential for these varieties to exceed the 0.3% limit.

Health Canada notes that:

All seed planted for the production of industrial hemp in Canada to be of pedigreed status (Certified or higher class), other than seed used for plant breeding. This means that farm-saved non-pedigreed seed cannot be planted, and inspectors may request official seed tags as evidence of compliance.

The [Industrial Hemp Regulations](#) require that hemp seeds (for planting) that are imported into Canada for purposes, other than plant breeding, must be pedigreed seeds of approved cultivars that are recognized under the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Seed Schemes or by the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA).

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please direct them to hc.hemp-chanvre.sc@canada.ca.