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**U.S HEMP ROUNDTABLE  
GUIDANCE  
PROGRAM**

The hemp industry, embracing the value of developing standards, practices and self-regulation.

**ABOUT THE U.S.  
HEMP GUIDANCE  
PROGRAM**

The hemp industry, under the leadership of the US Hemp Roundtable, is developing regulations and guidance documents for the growers and processors of hemp. The Roundtable, a national trade association, boasts the membership of dozens of hemp companies - representing every link of the product chain, from seed to sale - and all of the industry's major national grassroots organizations..

We need your input. We are seeking comments and suggestions from the industry through June 2018 - to develop consensus much in the same way as governments promulgate regulations.

The Technical Committee deliberations are limited to Members of the U.S. Hemp Roundtable.

**How to Join**

Any citizen can offer public comment. To participate, sign up for free as a "Hemp Supporter".





## HEMP'S HISTORY

From drafts of our founding documents to the sustainable paneling of 21st century cars, hemp's versatility and strength have made it the fabric of the American imagination. Today, hemp is used in clothing, biofuels, plastics, personal care, feed and food.

During most of the last century, we had to import all of our hemp. It was illegal to grow in the U.S. because it was mistakenly classified as a controlled substance. But hemp is not marijuana. Hemp cannot get you high.

That all changed a few years ago when the U.S. Congress and more than 30 state legislatures permitted hemp cultivation as part of a research pilot program. The experiment has been an unqualified success. Now there's tremendous political momentum to make this a permanent reality, through federal legislation that would classify hemp rightly as an agricultural commodity.

# THE U. S. HEMP GUIDANCE PROGRAM

As an emerging agricultural industry, hemp farmers and firms understand that they must demonstrate professionalism and promote confidence. The hemp industry indeed has a special duty to consumers to demonstrate its products are safe, and to law enforcement, to demonstrate its products are legal.

The U.S. Hemp Guidance Program is a comprehensive effort, led by the U.S. Hemp Roundtable's Technical Committee, to develop standards and best practices for hemp growers, processors and product sellers.

### **The U.S. Hemp Guidance Program's agenda includes:**

- Developing general provisions , definitions and guidance in the areas of personnel, physical plant and security, and equipment.
- Delving further into production and process control, packaging and labeling, as well as storage and distributing, records and recordkeeping, import/export and product complaints.
- Defining specific requirements for the processors' quality control programs, laboratory operations and master manufacturing/processing records..
- Providing checklists for on-site operators, with education and training materials for each industry sector.



## OUR VISION

The industry's self-regulated organization (SRO) will be formally launched in early 2019.

Ultimately, growers and processors who comply with industry self-regulations will be authorized to use a compliance medallion or label in their advertising, marketing and product labeling. In order to use the medallion, growers or processors will be required to conduct the employee training, complete and sign checklists, and be subject to a third party audit or inspection.

The medallion will give consumers confidence that their products are safe and of the highest possible quality, while giving law enforcement comfort that the products are legal hemp, and not marijuana.