



AHPA Guidance Policy

AHPA develops guidance policies to promote responsible commerce in herbal supplements. These policies address a variety of labeling and manufacturing issues and reflect the consensus of AHPA's members and its board of trustees. AHPA encourages its members and non-member companies to adopt these policies to establish consistent and informed trade practices.

Labeling of Articles of Commerce Derived from *Cannabis* spp. (adopted March 2015)

Numerous articles of commerce are derived from *Cannabis* spp.* These include:

- Fiber from the plant's stem, used in the manufacture of commercial products such as rope, textiles and paper.
- The seed, used in some traditional medicines and in bird feed and other animal food.
- Seed oil, which has diverse uses in foods, food supplements and personal care products, and also has industrial applications.
- The female inflorescence (i.e., flower or flower bud), the isolated trichomes naturally present in the inflorescence, and to a lesser degree the leaf, which find uses as a medicine and an inebriant due to the concentrated presence in certain cultivars of various compounds that produce physiological effects on users through oral consumption or inhalation of the vaporized or combusted material.
- Extracts and concentrates of the female inflorescence, its trichomes, or the leaf, which have the same uses as the source materials.

The AHPA Cannabis Committee has an interest in ensuring that consumers of products consisting of, derived from, or containing these varied articles are able to readily differentiate them. The committee recognizes that federal food labeling regulations exist that require the use of the "common or usual" name of food ingredients, and further recognize that dietary supplement labeling regulations require all botanical ingredients to be labeled to identify the part of the plant used.

The AHPA Cannabis Committee recommends that lawfully marketed products that consist of or include *Cannabis* spp. ingredients and that are intended for oral ingestion, topical application, or inhalation be labeled to identify the part of the Cannabis plant from which the ingredient is derived, for example "seed oil," "flower extract," "extract of aerial parts" to describe the above ground parts of the plant, etc.; except that this policy does not apply to parts of the Cannabis plant in unprocessed and recognizable forms.

*Disagreement exists among botanists and taxonomists as to whether there is only one species (*C. sativa*) or two (*C. sativa* and *C. indica*) in the genus *Cannabis*. This policy takes no position on this matter, as clarification of this detail is not necessary to address its purpose.