

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)  
Manufacture, Distribution, and Retail Sale of Consumable Hemp Products on  
Proposed Rule Pertaining to Hemp and Hemp-Derived Products**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:**

**January 9, 2026  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Meeting Site:**

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)  
John H. Winters Building  
Public Hearing Room 125, First Floor  
701 West 51<sup>st</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78751

This meeting will be webcast. Members of the public may attend the meeting in person at the address above or access a live stream of the meeting at <https://texashhsmeetings.org/HHSWebcast>. Select the tab for the Winters Public Hearing Room Live on the date and time for this meeting. Please e-mail [Webcasting@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:Webcasting@hhsc.state.tx.us) if you have any problems with the webcasting function.

**Meeting Notice:** The use of artificial intelligence (AI) bots is prohibited in this meeting. In accordance with Health and Human Services (HHS) policy, the use of Artificial Intelligence also known as "AI" Notetakers is expressly prohibited. Producers will not admit a 'bot' or other autonomous agent into the meeting. If a 'bot' should inadvertently gain entrance, it will be removed from the meeting by one of our producers.

Attendees who would like to provide public comment should see the **Public Comment** section below.

**Agenda**

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Public Comment on proposed rules regarding consumable hemp products, hemp-derived products, and the manufacture, distribution, and retail sale of consumable hemp products.
3. Adjourn

**Public Comment:** The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) welcomes public comments pertaining to topics above. Members of the public who would like to provide public comment may choose from the following options:

1. **Oral comments provided virtually:** Members of the public must pre-register to provide oral comments virtually during the meeting by completing a Public Comment Registration form at [https://texashhsmeetings.org/CHRPB\\_PCReg\\_JAN2026](https://texashhsmeetings.org/CHRPB_PCReg_JAN2026) no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2026. Please mark the correct box on the Public Comment Registration form and provide your name, either the organization you are representing or that you are speaking as a private citizen, and your direct phone number. If you have completed the Public Comment Registration form, you will

receive an email the day before the meeting with instructions for providing virtual public comment. Public comment is limited to two minutes. Each speaker providing oral public comments virtually must ensure their face is visible and their voice audible to the other participants while they are speaking. Each speaker must state their name and on whose behalf they are speaking (if anyone). If you pre-register to speak and wish to provide a handout before the meeting, please submit an electronic copy in accessible PDF format that will be distributed to the appropriate DSHS staff. Handouts are limited to two pages (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only). Handouts must be emailed to [dshshempprogram@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:dshshempprogram@dshs.texas.gov) immediately after pre-registering, but no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2026., and include the name of the person who will be commenting. Do not include health or other confidential information in your comments or handouts. Staff will not read handouts aloud during the meeting, but handouts will be provided to the appropriate DSHS staff.

2. **Written comments:** Members of the public may provide written public comments by completing a Public Comment Registration form at [https://texashhsmeetings.org/CHRPB\\_PCReg\\_JAN2026](https://texashhsmeetings.org/CHRPB_PCReg_JAN2026). A member of the public who wishes to provide written public comments must email the comments to [HHSRulesCoordinationOffice@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:HHSRulesCoordinationOffice@hhs.texas.gov) no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2026. Please include your name and the organization you are representing or that you are speaking as a private citizen. Written comments are limited to two pages (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only). Do not include health or other confidential information in your comments. Staff will not read written comments aloud during the meeting, but comments will be provided to the appropriate DSHS staff.
3. **Oral comments provided in-person at the meeting location:** Members of the public may provide oral public comment during the meeting in person at the meeting location either by pre-registering using the form above or without pre-registering by completing a form at the entrance to the meeting room. Do not include health or other confidential information in your comments. Public comment is limited to two minutes

**Note: These procedures may be revised at the discretion of HHSC**

**Contact:** Questions regarding agenda items, content, or public hearing arrangements should be directed to Sofia Stifflemire at [consumablehempprogramrulecomments@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:consumablehempprogramrulecomments@dshs.texas.gov) and to request additional people be added to the meeting invite.

*This public forum is open to the public. No reservations are required, and there is no cost to attend this public forum.*

*People with disabilities who wish to attend the public hearing and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Sofia Stifflemire at [consumablehempprogramrulecomments@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:consumablehempprogramrulecomments@dshs.texas.gov) at least 72 hours before the public hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made.*