

MEDICINAL CANNABIS IMPORT PROCESS

For the purpose of this process, sequential actions are referred to as (a) of the partner step. For example, *Step 1 and 1(a)* are to occur concurrently. All other steps are to occur sequentially.

- **Step 1:** Applicant is granted a 5-year import license from BMCLA
 - **Step 1a:** The BMCLA notifies Plant Protection Unit (PPU) that the applicant has been issued a license via an emailed letter
- **Step 2:** Licensee applies for an import authorization from BMCLA
- **Step 3:** Question: Is the Licensee granted the import authorization?
 - If **No** - Licensee is advised of decision and reason
 - If **Yes** - Move to Step 4
- **Step 4:** Licensee is granted import authorization
 - **Step 4(a):** BMCLA advises PPU of authorization via emailed letter.
- **Step 5:** Licensee applies to PPU for an import permit
- **Step 6:** Question - Is the applicant granted the import permit?
 - If **No** - Licensee is advised of decision and reason
 - If **Yes** - Move to Step 7
- **Step 7:** Licensee is granted the permit and proceeds with Import. *(On submission of the Single Administrative Document to ASYCUDA World, a copy of the permit should be uploaded as part of the documentation required for clearance of goods.)*
- **Step 8:** Import arrives in Customs *(cannabis materials of this kind are to be treated as perishable)*
- **Step 9:** Customs alerts PPU through ASYCUDA that items have arrived and require their clearance *(Storage is with customs or licensee depending on the size of the shipment)*
- **Step 10:** PPU alerts BMCLA and arranges for joint inspection.
- **Step 11:** Question - Does import meet standards & match documentation?
 - If **No** - Clearance is denied until the issue is resolved
 - If **Yes** - Move to Step 12
- **Step 12:** Item is cleared by PPU for release in ASUYCUDA
- **Step 13:** Customs releases import

(See Process Flow Chart to the right)

