



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA
Ministry of Finance

Customs Department

2nd August 2017

BY EMAIL

To all customs traders,

Re: Goods containing cannabis, cannabis resin or cannabinoids

It has come to the attention of the Collector of Customs that a variety of food and beverage preparations and beauty and skin care products purporting to contain hemp protein, hemp seed or hemp oil are on offer for sale in certain local retail shops. The presence of these products on shop shelves notwithstanding, we would remind all customs traders that the importation of —

- a) any part of the cannabis plant (except fibre produced from the stalk of the plant);
- b) cannabis resin; or
- c) natural or synthetic cannabinoids (such as Cannabidiol (CBD))

is prohibited by law. Importations of goods or products containing these substances are subject to forfeiture and those responsible for the importation may be liable to penalties or imprisonment. For the avoidance of doubt “cannabis plant” includes the hemp plant or industrial hemp plant.

Should any customs officer have reasonable grounds to suspect that any imported goods contain any of the substances listed above, those goods will be detained and forwarded to the Bermuda Police Service for investigation.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Amos".

Richard Amos
Assistant Collector of Customs

Copy: Permanent Secretary for National Security
Commissioner of Police