

Comment

Backpack Boyz / (manufactured by K.U.S.H. Collective)

"K.U.S.H. (KINDER UNDERSTANDING SENSITIVE HEALING) (License #CDPH-10003907) holds a manufacturing license that fills all of the disposable cartridges. They solely handle all of the stages that are included in creating the final product. Which includes sourcing raw materials, filling the disposable, packaging, testing, labeling, and any quality assurance. We as the distributors then receive a transfer of the product in its final State Compliant form, ready for sale to the general public." -- Martha Samperio, distribution manager Green Earth Pharmacy, wholesaler of Backpack Boyz vapes.

K.U.S.H. Collective owner David Shin said he conducts no quality control testing and relied on third-party lab tests of finished products.

Cru / Falcon Brands

emails were unreturned

Cruisers / Gold Flora

"Its good to know that we passed the required testing, and it was verified by you and your team. I also want to reiterate that this cart was manufactured by a third party to TPCO (The Parent Company) before we merged and started managing the merged company." -- Greg Gamet, chief compliance officer, Gold Flora.

Dime

No response

Eaze products Circles, Cloud and Everyday / (manufactured by K.U.S.H. Collective)

"Our first course of action, of course, is to never sell anything like this. I think there's a bigger question now around needing to have some degree of a random sampling (of) retail. As a retailer, our responsibility is to sell clean product. ... But ultimately I think it'll be an investigation of our suppliers, to make sure that they're doing things appropriately and following regulations." -- Cory Azzalino, chief executive, Eaze

Flav

No response

Flavorade / Cleanline Management

"We contacted the (Department of Cannabis Control) and of course our counsel. The DCC gave us direction and advisement that we are following to the letter. Cleanline has always been and will always be a compliant facility." -- Jason Payton, chief executive Cleanline Management. Payton declined to state what Cannabis Control regulators instructed him to do. Product batches identified in testing as adulterated continued to be available for sale.

Fog City / Echsen Industries

"It implies that we use pesticides and that couldn't be further from the truth." -- James Cunningham. Fog City Farms designed an indoor cultivation system to minimize chemical use. However, pre-rolls were coated during processing by another company in Los Angeles with hash sourced from other, outdoor farms.

"The problem is the outdoor (cultivation)... it's not what those people use. It's that they're in ag areas and the wind blows. It's that the avocado farmer right next door just sprayed the stuff that came in the wind, came through their filtration systems." -- Charles Eriksen, Echsen Industries

Grizzly Peak Farms and Kolas Cares

Grizzly Peak Farms' Zoap flower was purchased from Kings Holdings Group, an indoor grower based in Sacramento that also sold the Zoap under its house brand, Kolas Cares. Kings' said the flower passed COA testing by two different third-party labs, "showing that they were certified as clean of any Category 1 (prohibited) pesticides, which we do not use in our facilities. DCC has not initiated any additional recalls involving us, and we have no additional comment."-- Kevin McCarty, compliance director, Kings Holdings Group.

Kingpen

No response.

Maven

"Maven is committed to providing a safe and high quality product to consumers and a safe working environment for our employees. Our employees are provided with protective clothing and equipment as well as instruction and training on safe practices. All of our employees are required to comply with strict approved safety standards and practices in accordance with all local, state, and federal regulations.

"Maven products are subject to rigorous testing conducted by DCC approved independent state licensed testing laboratories. All testing and certification of our products is in full compliance with all applicable requirements. Maven does not release any product that has not passed all required testing and is determined by certified DCC approved independent testing laboratories to be safe for release.

"Further, Maven has never utilized the chemicals paclobutrazol or pymetrozine on any of our products. Maven is subject to regular inspection by local and state regulatory authorities, and as such, our products are certified as safe and are, in fact, safe for consumer use." -- David Bosworth, chief executive, MVN Holdings

Ocean Cannabis

No response.

Papa's Herb

No response

Phat Panda / manufactured by DGU and distributed by Iron Summit Distribution

After being contacted about contamination issues, Phat Panda distributors voluntarily recalled some of the products citing improperly applied labels. "As of the writing of this email DGU has never been contacted by the DCC regarding contamination of any product it has manufactured what-so-ever. ... All three companies take the health and safety of the public very seriously. We appreciate the LA Times and Weedweek bringing these concerns to our attention and are actively investigating your claims of contamination." -- Gina Austin, Austin Legal Group.

Phire Labs

Notified that market products had failed for myclobutanil, Phire Labs owner Nelson Chi conducted an internal investigation. "I immediately pulled a few samples from the same batch from my inventory and sent them over to get retested. Interestingly, they failed for bifentazate but showed (non-detect) for myclobutanil." Chi attributed the differing results to lack of standards and uniformity in lab testing. "The public needs to know about some of the inadequacies of what's going on... This can sound strange, but we definitely need more regulation for the testing."

Seed Junky

No response

Smartweed

No response

Stiiizy

"Stiiizy is committed to ensuring the safety and quality of our products and we adhere to all standards and limits set by the State of California, which has some of the strictest testing requirements and pesticide limits in the country. All of the products we sell have passed all mandated product testing, which is conducted by independent testing companies approved by the State."-- Tak Sato, president, Stiiizy Inc.

UP! / Wellgreens

"As licensed cannabis retailers, we strictly adhere to the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) regulations and California law. This includes selling products that are tested by licensed labs and meet California's testing standards for cannabis, which are the toughest in the nation. " As you can see from the attached results, the products you mentioned were passed by a licensed testing lab. As a retailer, we rely on licensed testing labs to provide accurate results. "DCC has worked to make licensed testing labs adopt more uniform standards and methods. However, the same product tested at different facilities can still yield varying results. "If licensed testing labs fail to meet the state's standards, DCC must take action to protect consumers, as well as licensed retailers such as us. We will continue to advocate for improvements in testing standards and regulations that better serve and protect our customers. "-- Luis Ituarte, director of compliance, Wellgreens Dispensary

West Coast Cure / Shield Management Group

"We use state licensed labs. Accuracy is inherently needed in all testing. There shouldn't be any doubt about accuracy of testing. We trust the system that the government created and regulates to ensure that testing is done right. It's the shared goal of the licensed cannabis industry and state regulators that only the highest quality, safe products reach California's consumers. We strongly support the DCC's efforts to make testing standards as robust as possible." -- company statement, Shield Management Group