

Hemp permit application process

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INTRODUCTION

- Cultivation and use of Cannabis in SA not new and was criminalised
- Con. Court judgement in 2018:
- Cabinet took a decision in 2019 that SA needs a national strategy for industrialisation and commercialisation of cannabis in order to increase economic growth , create jobs and poverty alleviation.
- Lessons were learnt from major cannabis producing countries in the world
- DLRAD minister appointed as a convener of the process.
- National Cannabis Master plan presented before the portfolio committee on justice and correctional services in August 2021
- Aims of the Master Plan
 - To provide frame work for the establishment, growth and development of the Cannabis industry in SA in order to contribute to economic growth, poverty alleviation and job creation.
- The Cannabis industry in SA has a potential:
 - can create a revenue of about R28 billion.
 - In can create more that 10 000 jobs across the entire value chain.



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Hemp crop

- Classified under *Cannabis sativa*
- Similar to Marijuana/Dagga but different items of
 - Growth habit and size.
 - Smell.
 - Produces high percentage of CBD but low in THC (less than 0.2%)
 - Produces fibre.
- Sensitive to frost.
- Sensitive to photoperiod (day length).



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Importance of hemp

- .Medicine
 - Critical active ingredients: CBD and THC
 - Can treat many diseases
- Food
 - Fastest and largest sector
 - All parts can be used
 - Products include, hemp meal, baking, sweets, energy drinks, ice creams and etc.
- Industrial
 - Textiles, clothing, shoes, building materials, cosmetics
- Recreational
 - Critical ingredient is THC: psychoactive
 - Consumed through all kinds of smoking



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Challenges

- Legislative restriction: Drugs and Drug Trafficking Act.
- No formal seed supply systems.
- Negative public perceptions.
- Lack of manufacturing capacity.
- High entry barriers: highly regulated.
- Limited investment in research.
- Proliferation of illegal products.
- Marketing challenges.



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The Hemp permit application form and processes based on PIA guidelines

- Hemp permit application is done with the **DALRAD**.
- **Dagga application permit is done with SAHPRA, DoH.**
- See attached Hemp permit form



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CONCLUSION

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