

## **Announcement of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation:**

Guidelines for cannabis or hemp related practices in higher education institutions, government agencies, affiliated agencies, and agencies under the supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation

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In As it is expedient to prescribe measures to prevent and monitor problems that may arise from the use of cannabis or hemp among school students, university students or personnel in higher education institutions, government agencies, affiliated agencies and agencies under the supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation, including the announcement of the Ministry of Public Health regarding The Control Herbs (Cannabis) Act 2022 requiring people under the age of 20 not to use and access marijuana, the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation, therefore, sets the guidelines on cannabis or hemp appropriately related practices in higher education institutions, government agencies, affiliated agencies, and agencies under the Ministry.

By virtue of Section No.16 of the Administrative Regulations Act 2019 of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation, the Minister of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation announced the guidelines for cannabis or hemp related practices in higher education institutions, government agencies, affiliated agencies, and agencies under the supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation as follows:

1. Universities, government agencies, affiliated agencies, and agencies under the supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation are obliged to strictly comply with the Ministry of Public Health's announcement of The Control Herbs (Cannabis) Act 2022, including other related laws or announcements.
2. University students and agency staff are not allowed to use cannabis recreationally so as to avoid the effects on health concerns about, for instance, mental symptoms and various body system, both short-termed and long-termed.
3. University administrators, heads of government agencies, or heads of agencies under the supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation regulate stores selling food and beverages in the areas of universities, government agencies, and agencies under the supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation refrain from selling food and beverages containing cannabis or hemp, and students, university students, university personnel, government agencies, and agencies under the supervision of the Ministry are strictly prohibited to bring food and beverages containing cannabis or hemp for consuming in the areas of universities, government agencies, and agencies under the supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation.
4. University administrators, heads of government agencies, or heads of agencies under the supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation shall promote and support the organization of activities, teachings, trainings, or production of innovative media for the knowledge and

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understanding of cannabis or hemp use and hazard that may arise from using the extracts of all parts of cannabis or hemp exceeding the amount specified by the Ministry of Public Health towards students, university students, personnel, guardians, public, or communities living near the universities or agencies in order to build safe environment against the hazards of cannabis or hemp.

5. The use of cannabis or hemp for medical purposes must be under the supervision of physicians as stipulated by the Ministry of Public Health. In addition, the use of cannabis or hemp for research purposes must be under the control and strict supervision of the administrators of the universities, heads of government agencies, or heads of departments.
6. Further guidelines other than stipulated in this announcement, university administrators, heads of government agencies, or heads of agencies under the supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation may issue regulations or additional guidelines to prevent threads that may arise from using cannabis or hemp. This is to be appropriate for the contexts of universities, government agencies, and agencies under the supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation.

This shall be effective onwards.

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**N.B.: In case legal interpretation is needed, the original Thai version shall be in use.**