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## **INDUSTRIAL HEMP SAMPLING AGENT APPLICATION**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current employees of the Maryland Department of Agriculture are not eligible to be hemp sampling agents. By checking the boxes below, I attest that...**

- I am at least 21 years of age.
- I do not have an active hemp permit in any state.
- I am not a current employee of a hemp growing facility in any state.
- I do not have a financial stake in a hemp growing operation in any state.
- I am not a nuclear or extended family member of a hemp license holder.
- I am not a hemp broker, distributor, or processor.
- I am not soliciting hemp for sale, processing, or distribution.
- I am not a current employee of an entity that is soliciting, producing, processing, or distributing hemp.

### **SECTION TWO - TRAINING DOCUMENTATION**

Any person who intends to offer services as an industrial hemp sampling agent in Maryland must (i) submit documentation of successful completion of the sampling agent training offered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and read MDA's Field Sampling of Industrial Hemp Guidelines.

I have attached documentation of my successful completion of the sampling agent training offered by USDA

I have read MDA's [Industrial Hemp Sampling Protocol](#)

### SECTION THREE

By signing below, the applicant acknowledges that the applicant has read and agrees to the following:

- A sampling Agent must sample industrial hemp lots in accordance with MDA's Field Sampling Guidelines. A sampling Agent must collect samples from the flowering tops of industrial hemp plants that are approximately five to eight inches in length from the main stem, terminal bud, or central cola. A sampling agent must collect a sample that is representative of a homogeneous composition of the lot.
- A sampling Agent must complete a sample collection form and chain of custody form for each sample collected. A Sampling Agent must use the sample collection form and chain of custody form included in the MDA's Field Sampling Guidelines or a form pre-approved by the MDA
- MDA will remove from its list of Trained Sampling Agents or any Sampling Agent who fails to collect samples in accordance with MDA's Field Sampling Guidelines
- MDA is not responsible for a Sampling Agent's operational costs or fees owned by a Registered Industrial Hemp Grower to a Sampling Agent
- All records, data, and information filed in support of a Sampling Agent application are subject to the provisions of the Maryland Public Information Act and are available for review by the public.

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, I have made no misrepresentation on this application or failed to disclose any information requested on this application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit your completed application to the address or email below:**

Mail To: Maryland Department of Agriculture  
Turf & Seed Section  
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**OR**

Email: [jim.drews@maryland.gov](mailto:jim.drews@maryland.gov)