



Hello S3 Collective friend,

Welcome to our inaugural S3 Collective Newsletter! We're thrilled to have you with us on this journey. The S3 Collective is at the forefront of converging science with standards to ensure the safety of cannabis and other botanical products. Our goal is to **transform industry challenges** into **actionable research** and **consensus standards**, benefiting stakeholders, regulators, and policymakers alike. We are sculpting a cohesive approach to harmonize cannabis industry practices by uniting various perspectives and expertise to provide solutions grounded in scientific evidence and robust best practices. This not only fosters **trust** and **safety** in the marketplace but also prepares us for a future of interstate commerce and centralized supply chains.

Why tune in? Our newsletter is your window into the evolving world of cannabis standards, science, and safety! Please forward this to someone you feel may be interested in our newsletter and let them know that they can [sign up here](#) for free.

– *David Vaillencourt & Alena Rodriguez, Co-Founders*

What's inside this edition?

- S3 Collective Updates - where we've been and where to find us
- Standards, Science, and Safety Spotlights
- Upcoming Events

- State Rules and Regulations

Have an idea to improve our newsletter or want to get more involved with S3?

Simply reply or fill out the form on our website [here](#).

S3 Collective Updates

- [Marijuana Moment](#) announces the S3 Collective.
- S3 Collective's Co-Founders discuss our mission in the latest episode of [Cannabis Man](#).
- [Sponsorships are available](#) for S3 Collective's first in-person event in Louisville, KY.
- Check out the S3 Collective [website](#) and sign our [pledge](#)!
- Interested in supporting our mission? [Click here](#)!

Standards Snapshot

- Check out one of ASTM International's latest standards from Committee D37, [D8493-23](#), a standard guide detailing instructions for properly preparing a cannabis or hemp inflorescence sample for analytical analysis. Learn more about ASTM D37 [here](#).
- The Coalition for Cannabis Policy, Education, and Regulation (CPEAR) released a paper covering the myriad of unseen contaminants and inaccurate product labels in the cannabis market today. CPEAR lays out policy recommendations such as using standards to help solve the current issues in *What's in Your Weed?* Read it [here](#).

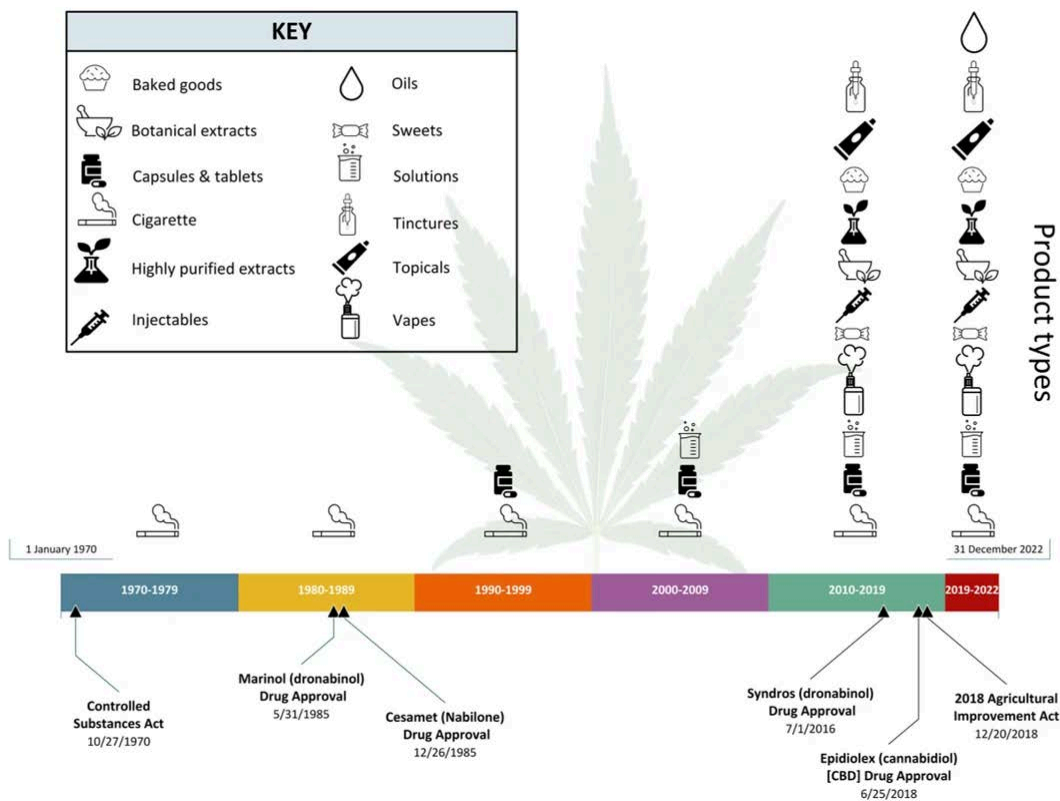


One common concern with using products containing these semisynthetic derivatives is related to the processes required to manufacture them, as harsh chemicals or solvents are often used in the extraction process.

Source: CPEAR's *What's in Your Weed?*

Science Spotlight

- Thanks to lawyer [Matt Zorn](#), the federal government released 250+ [unredacted pages](#) detailing the HHS Department's recommendation to move cannabis to Schedule III, including a new standard for determining medical use. Zorn, who says he was just diddling in his spare time to help bring these documents to light, [asks](#) "imagine if the cannabis industry organized/backed this type of work?" Read more about it [here](#).
- The FDA provided an in-depth examination of the cannabis-derived product (CCDP) applications received by them over the last five decades. The article highlights the complexities of the process and recommendations for those interested in exploring CCDPs for human clinical trials. Read it [here](#).



Safety Scoop

- Next week, the ASTM D37 Vaporizer Device Safety and Testing Initiative will launch during the January 2024 ASTM Committee Week. This task group intends to develop test methods, guides, and best practices for aerosol/vapor analysis and characterization. [Join us](#) in Louisville, KY from 1/21/24 - 1/24/24 and get involved in this initiative!

- From N95s in the medical field to hardhats in construction, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is a no-brainer in most industries, but not cannabis. The cannabis industry's lack of PPE requirements must be remedied. Read more [here](#).



Events

- ASTM International's [**D37 Committee on Cannabis Committee Week**](#) will be held Monday 1/22/24 - Wednesday 1/24/24 in Louisville, KY. (in-person with a virtual option for some sessions)
- [**Workshop on Sensory and Consumer Research for Products Containing Cannabis**](#) on Sunday, 1/21/24 in Louisville, KY. (in-person)
- S3 Collective Networking Mixer on Monday 1/22/24 in Louisville, KY. [**Sponsorships are available**](#). (in-person)
- **Save the date!** S3 Collective is hosting its first webinar about DEA rescheduling on **Tuesday 1/30/24 at 2pm ET**. (virtual)



- Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA is hosting an [Advancing Psychedelic Clinical Study Design](#) Public Meeting on 1/31/24 and 2/01/24 (virtual)

Rulemaking Meetings and Public Comment Periods

- New Jersey's Cannabis Regulation Commission's (CRC) next commission meeting will be on 1/17/24 (virtual). Details [here](#).
- Minnesota's Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) will be seeking input on laboratory standards and edible product standards from 1/29/24 – 2/11/24. Look out for the survey link [here](#).
- Washington's Liquor and Cannabis Board is seeking [public comments](#) until 2/28/24 about an approved proposal, Statement of Inquiry (CR 101), to consider the implementation of a senate bill related to expanding and improving the Cannabis Social Equity program.

- Colorado's Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) and Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)'s Science & Policy Quarterly Forum's next meeting will be on 2/02/24. This year, they are performing a comprehensive review of the testing regulations. Details [here](#).
- Are we missing one from your state? Let us know!

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