



**AOAC INTERNATIONAL POLICY ON  
FUNDING THE CANNABIS ANALYTICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM**

**Introduction**

It is the policy of the AOAC INTERNATIONAL Board of Directors that we will not advocate for or against the use or legalization of cannabis. Our mission is consistent with ensuring public health and food safety by facilitating the development of methods for testing cannabis in food, feed or other substances of interest to determine the best available science to promote public health.

**Policy on Funding**

1. AOAC INTERNATIONAL can accept funding from:
  - a. US, Canadian and other federal agencies.
  - b. Provincial (Canada) and state (US) public health laboratories.
  - c. Commercial testing laboratories not involved in cultivating, manufacturing, or distributing cannabis in any form.
  - d. Test kit and rapid methods companies.
  - e. Technology providers.
2. AOAC INTERNATIONAL cannot accept funding from any organization involved in the cultivation, manufacture, distribution or possession of cannabis as long as it is illegal in the US.
3. Any potential funding organization not described in section 1 or 2 may be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by AOAC legal counsel, to determine acceptability under this policy.

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