

DECISION
No. 8, dated 9.1.2025

ON ESTABLISHING THE STANDARDS FOR THE SECURITY PLAN AND SECURITY MEASURES APPLICABLE TO CULTIVATION AND PROCESSING SITES FOR THE *CANNABIS* PLANT FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES AND THE RULES GOVERNING THE MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES DEDICATED TO THE TRANSPORT OF RAW MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS TO BE COMPLIED WITH BY LICENSED ENTITIES

Pursuant to Article 100 of the Constitution; Article 15, paragraph 2, subparagraphs “d” and “e” of Law No. 61/2023, "On the control of the cultivation and processing of the *cannabis* plant and the production of its by-products for medical and industrial purposes," and upon the proposal of the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Minister of Health and Social Protection, the Council of Ministers

DECIDED:

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This Decision establishes the standards for the security plan and security measures applicable to cultivation and processing sites for the *cannabis* plant intended for medical purposes, as well as the rules governing the movement of vehicles dedicated to the transportation of raw materials and products, with which licensed entities shall comply.

2. The purpose of this Decision is to establish the rules applicable to legal entities applying for a license to produce medical *cannabis*, pursuant to Article 15, paragraph 2, subparagraphs (d) and (e) of Law No. 61/2023, "On the control of the cultivation and processing of the *cannabis* plant and the production of its by-products for medical and industrial purposes."

3. For the purposes of this Decision, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

(a) "Open cultivation area" means an outdoor cultivation area without protective or covering structures.

(b) "Protected cultivation area" means a controlled, covered environment that provides favorable conditions for plant growth by protecting plants from external weather conditions, including extreme temperatures, wind and rainfall. Such an environment permits the penetration of natural sunlight and generally includes structures such as greenhouses or plastic tunnels that provide a degree of control over temperature, humidity and light.

(c) "Enclosed cultivation area" means a fully controlled, covered and enclosed environment isolated from external weather conditions, providing favorable conditions for plant growth without the penetration of natural sunlight. This type of environment utilizes artificial lighting and controlled systems for regulating parameters such as light, humidity, temperature, ventilation and other external factors, thereby ensuring optimal cultivation conditions.

(ç) "Entity responsible for physical protection and security" means a Private Physical Security Service Provider (SHPSF) holding licenses in subcategories 1.3.A and 1.3.B, or "*Illyrian Guard*", in accordance with the legislation in force governing private physical security services.

II. STANDARDS FOR THE SECURITY PLAN FOR *CANNABIS* CULTIVATION AND PROCESSING SITES, INCLUDING SECURITY AND PROTECTION MEASURES, PERIMETER FENCING, CCTV SURVEILLANCE, 24-HOUR PHYSICAL SECURITY, ACCESS CONTROL BARRIERS AND BARBED WIRE INSTALLED ON THE PERIMETER FENCE

1. The licensed entity shall ensure that the premises where the licensed activity is carried out comply with the following standards:

(a) The premises shall be continuously monitored by a CCTV surveillance system equipped with an integrated recording device and motion sensors, high-resolution cameras with a minimum resolution of 1280×720 pixels and infrared capability. The surveillance system shall cover an area extending 20 meters beyond the perimeter fence, which shall be adequately illuminated. Video recordings generated by the CCTV system shall be stored for a minimum period of 90 days on an NVR/server and for at least one year in cloud storage located in one of the Member States of the European Union.

(b) The CCTV system shall monitor both the interior and exterior of the production facility and shall be positioned to ensure the clear and reliable identification of the premises and of all people accessing or moving within the premises or in the external area adjacent to the perimeter fence.

(c) High-technology electronic security equipment, including detectors and access-control gates, shall be installed and used to ensure the security of the premises.

(ç) Based on a risk assessment and in coordination with the relevant structures of the State Police, the alarm signal shall be connected, at central and/or local level, to the State Police command and/or information centers.

(d) The site where the licensed activity is carried out shall be protected by the entity responsible for physical protection and security on a continuous 24-hour basis, including a rapid response service with a signal verification team.

(dh) Where cultivation is carried out in open or protected cultivation areas, the site shall be enclosed by a reinforced concrete perimeter wall at least 25 (twenty-five) cm thick and 4 meters high, topped with barbed wire.

(e) Where cultivation is carried out in enclosed cultivation areas, the external walls of the building shall consist of reinforced concrete with a minimum thickness of 25 cm.

(ë) Access to the production facility shall be restricted and permitted only through an iron gate that ensures entry exclusively for authorized persons and vehicles. The entrance shall be monitored by the CCTV system referred to in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph.

(f) The entrance gate shall be controlled by authorized security personnel, who shall maintain records of all entries and exits of persons, vehicles and goods.

(g) The technical equipment used to ensure security and monitoring shall be installed in a dedicated room within the perimeter of the site where the licensed activity is carried out. Access to this room shall be restricted to authorized security personnel only.

2. The licensed entity shall submit a self-declaration confirming its readiness to enter into an agreement with the competent authority of the ministry responsible for public order and security to ensure inspection access to the private physical security service provider, in accordance with the self-declaration form set out in annex 1, attached to and forming an integral part of this decision.

3. The license holder shall establish and follow procedures for maintaining and testing the effectiveness of security equipment and systems. The license holder shall conduct periodic inspections of the equipment and infrastructure through entities licensed for this purpose.

4. The facility security scheme, together with the security procedures, deployment plan and secure *cannabis* transportation plan, shall be prepared by the technical director of the entity responsible for physical protection and security and shall be approved by the Chief of the Police Station with jurisdiction over the area where the facility is located. The security scheme shall be prepared in four (4) original copies, with one (1) copy provided to each of the following: the license holder, the National *Cannabis* Control Agency (the “Agency”), the entity responsible for physical protection and security and the Police Station with jurisdiction over the area where the facility is located.

5. In case of a failure of the security systems, the licensed entity or the entity responsible for physical protection and security shall, depending on the provisions of the agreement concluded between the parties, be responsible for carrying out immediate repairs, but in any case, no later than 24 hours from the occurrence of the failure. The entity shall immediately notify the National *Cannabis* Control Agency and the Police Station having jurisdiction over the location of the facility.

6. The protection and security of the premises where the licensed activity is conducted shall be carried out by the entity responsible for physical protection and security, pursuant to the contract concluded between the parties and in accordance with the applicable legal framework.

7. The contract shall be drafted in the Albanian language in four (4) original copies, one (1) copy of which shall be deposited with each of the following: the licensed entity, the Agency, the entity responsible for physical protection and security and the Police Station having jurisdiction over the location of the facility.

III. RULES AND FEES FOR ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS FOR PHYSICAL PROTECTION AND SECURITY, AS WELL AS FOR THE MOVEMENT OF DEDICATED VEHICLES USED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF RAW MATERIALS, PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS OF *CANNABIS* FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

1. The rules to be followed by the licensed entity for entering into an agreement for physical protection and security, as well as for the movement of dedicated vehicles used for the transportation of raw materials and products, shall be as follows:

(a) The transportation of the plant, its by-products and products derived therefrom shall be carried out using enclosed vehicles that ensure such materials are not visible or identifiable from outside the vehicle. Each shipment shall be accompanied by the relevant transport record specifying the quantity and type of product being transported.

(b) The transportation of the plant, its by-products and products intended for medical use, produced from the *cannabis* plant by a licensed producer, shall be carried out using transport vehicles that ensure the medicinal product is maintained at temperatures neither higher nor lower than those specified on the product label or in the package leaflet.

(c) The licensed entity shall ensure that transport vehicles are enclosed, sealed and equipped with GPS tracking systems to enable continuous monitoring of their movement from the point of origin to the final destination. The vehicles shall also be equipped with camera systems for monitoring the transported materials and shall be secured and accompanied by security personnel to and from the border crossing point, in accordance with the agreement concluded between the parties.

(ç) Any movement or transportation shall be carried out only upon obtaining authorization from the Agency, which shall approve the proposed date of movement or transportation in accordance with the form approved by the Agency.

(d) In all cases, for each movement or transportation of seeds, seedlings, raw materials, medical *cannabis* plants, by-products, final products and waste or waste/products that are disposed of from one place to another, the licensed entity shall notify, at least five (5) days prior to the planned movement, through the National Register of licensed and authorized *cannabis* plant activities and the General Directorate of the State Police. The notification shall include information regarding the time schedule of the movement, the relevant route, the details of each vehicle used for transportation and the security personnel accompanying the shipment.

(dh) The licensed entity shall provide the Agency with unlimited and real-time access to the camera systems monitoring all areas of the production unit, as well as to the camera systems monitoring the transportation of any material related to medical *cannabis*, including access to stored video recordings.

(e) Export customs procedures may be carried out at the border customs offices of exit from the customs territory of the Republic of Albania, where security and protection controls are also performed. Where applicable, such procedures may commence at the competent internal customs offices responsible for the territory where the cultivation facilities are located and shall be completed at the border customs offices of exit from the customs territory, in accordance with the customs legislation governing the export of goods. The licensed entity shall notify the General Directorate of Customs at least five (5) days prior to the import/export customs procedure.

(ë) Import customs procedures for seeds and seedlings may be carried out at the border customs offices of entry into the customs territory of the Republic of Albania, where security and protection controls are also performed. Where applicable, such procedures may be carried out at the competent internal customs offices responsible for the territory where the cultivation facilities are located, in accordance with the customs legislation governing the import of goods. The licensed

entity shall notify the General Directorate of Customs at least five (5) days prior to the commencement of import/export customs procedures

The licensed entity shall notify the authority responsible for phytosanitary inspection at the border inspection point. Where applicable, such procedures may be carried out at the competent internal customs offices responsible for the territory where the cultivation facilities are located, in accordance with the customs legislation governing the import of goods. The licensed entity shall notify the General Directorate of Customs at least five (5) days prior to the commencement of import/export customs procedures

2. The fees for security services provided to licensed entities engaged in the cultivation and processing of *cannabis* for medical purposes shall be determined in accordance with annex no. 2, attached to and forming an integral part of this decision.

IV. FINAL PROVISIONS

The Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the General Directorate of the State Police, the National *Cannabis* Control Agency, licensed entities and entities responsible for physical protection and security shall be responsible for the implementation of this decision.

This decision shall enter into force upon its publication in the Official Gazette.

PRIME MINISTER
Edi Rama

ANNEX No. 1

MODEL SELF-DECLARATION FORM ON READINESS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RESPONSIBLE STRUCTURE OF THE MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY

SELF-DECLARATION ON READINESS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RESPONSIBLE STRUCTURE OF THE MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY

Pursuant to article 15, paragraph 2, subparagraph “e”, of Law No. 61/2023, "On the control of the cultivation and processing of the *cannabis* plant and the production of its by-products for medical and industrial purposes,"

I the undersigned, _____,
(name, father's name, surname)

hereby declare my readiness to enter into an agreement with the responsible structure for public order and security, at central and local level, in order to ensure inspection access by the private physical security company supervising the cultivation facilities for the *cannabis* plant and its by-products, as well as the movement of dedicated vehicles used for the transportation of raw materials and products, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant decision of the Council of Ministers no. ____ dated ____.

Representative of the legal entity

(Name Surname, signature, stamp)

ANNEX No. 2

Fees for services provided to licensed entities engaged in the cultivation and processing of *cannabis* for medical purposes:

Service Fees		
I	SECURITY GUARDING SERVICES PROVIDED BY SECURITY OFFICERS (for premises, access control barriers, checkpoints, etc.)	
	Type of service provided	Monthly fee per employee (ALL, excluding VAT)
1	Security guarding service provided by one security officer (three-shift coverage)	87 900
	Security service at an access control barrier with one security officer (first shift)	76 000
	Security service at an access control barrier with one security officer (second shift)	80 700
	Security service at an access control barrier with one security officer (third shift)	107 000
II	RESPONSE SERVICE WITH A SIGNAL VERIFICATION TEAM	
	Type of service provided	Monthly fee per employee (ALL, excluding VAT)
	Response service with a signal verification team	11 300
III	SECURITY GUARDING SERVICE WITH ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS*	

	Type of service provided	Monthly fee per employee (ALL, excluding VAT)
	Security service for camera surveillance and alarm monitoring	11 800
IV	SECURITY SERVICE FOR TRANSPORTATION	
	Service	Daily fee per movement (ALL, excluding VAT)
1	Security escort service during transportation with one vehicle (up to 50 km)	14 800
2	Security escort service during transportation with one vehicle (for every additional 50 km)	29 600

* Electronic equipment or parking barriers, electric locks, face detection systems and access control systems may be provided by the licensed entity or by the entity providing physical security services, in accordance with the provisions of the agreement concluded between the parties. If the equipment is provided by the entity contracted for the security service, its payment shall be determined according to the agreement concluded between the parties.