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Via Electronic Mail and USPS First Class Mail

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Fairfield, ME 04937-3143

Subject: Notice of Revocation of Registry Identification Card(s)

Dear Mr. Ye,

The Maine Department of Administrative & Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy (Department) is responsible for the administration and oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program (MMMP). Protection for authorized conduct requires compliance with the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and program rules. Pursuant to its authority under 22 M.R.S., Chapter 558-C, §2430-F, the Department revokes the following Registry Identification Card(s): Sheng Cheng Ye **CGR29666**. Such revocations are effective three (3) calendar days after the date of this notice.

I. Justification for revocation:

The Department's decision to revoke your Registry Identification Card(s) is based on your violation of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act. More specifically, the Department's MMMP field investigation staff have provided the Department with sufficient evidence to demonstrate the following statutory and regulatory violations:

- On 02-14-2022, Investigator Fred Luce went to your retail store, Yezi Craft Cannabis at 201 Norridgewock Road in Fairfield, Maine. Investigator Luce found the following subjects at the property; Yun Jian Huang, Xiao Dong Zhang, and Dustin Veinott. Investigator Luce found that Mr. Veinott was not currently registered with the Department as a caregiver or caregiver assistant. Investigator Luce found that Mr. Zhang was not currently registered with the Department as a caregiver or a caregiver assistant. Investigator Luce found that Mr. Huang was registered with the Department as a caregiver but was not registered as a caregiver assistant. Investigator Luce found that your license had expired as of 01-13-2022 and you had not submitted a renewal application. Investigator Luce also learned that you were in New York and not at your retail store, Yezi Craft Cannabis in Fairfield, Maine.
- Investigator Luce found that the door to your retail store was unlocked and wide open, the door between the retail store lobby and the back office/grow rooms was also

unlocked. The doors being open allowed unregistered subjects' access to your cannabis products and all of the grow rooms inside the facility.

- Investigator Luce spoke with Mr. Veinott. Mr. Veinott explained to Investigator Luce that he had been in the back trimming cannabis plants. Mr. Veinott stated that you had hired him as “The head grower” at 201 Norridgewock Road approximately 3-4 weeks earlier. Veinott stated that you paid him \$20.00 per hour for his work. Veinott told Investigator Luce that he did not currently have any plants at 201 Norridgewock Road. Since Mr. Veinott was not a registered caregiver or caregiver assistant, he should not have had access to the grows or your retail storefront and he should not have been conducting any caregiver activities.
- While speaking with Mr. Veinott, Investigator Dan Summers witnessed Mr. Huang making a sale of cannabis products to a customer inside of your retail store. Mr. Huang is not registered with the Department as your caregiver assistant and therefore is prohibited from selling your products and from having access to your products.
- Investigator Luce conducted a caregiver inspection on Mr. Huang. During the inspection, Mr. Huang told Investigator Luce that you and he share the retail store, that all the cannabis flower being sold is his and that you sell all the other products. Investigator Luce found that you had a large quantity of cannabis flower, which he conservatively estimated to be more than one-hundred pounds, stored in a back room of 201 Norridgewock Road, which had an unlocked door and was easily accessible to any of the individuals on the premise. This large quantity of cannabis flower was stored in approximately 14 large totes and six (6) large trash bags. Investigator Luce also found that the grow room doors in the back were unlocked as well and allowed unvetted access to the cannabis plants. It was very apparent to investigator Luce that everyone had access to all areas of the property at 201 Norridgewock Road.
- On 02-22-2022, Investigator Fred Luce conducted a caregiver inspection of you and your retail location, Yezi Craft Cannabis. During his inspection you told Investigator Luce that the large quantity of flower in the back room of 201 Norridgewock Road was your flower. You told Investigator Luce that you had grown it at 57 Conant Road in Turner, Maine and that you had moved it from Turner to 201 Norridgewock Road in Fairfield. You could not produce a trip ticket from the transportation of this product. On 01-26-2022, you two former business partners in Green Futures LLC, reported to OCP that that you were involved in the removal of 1,100 pounds of cannabis flower from 57 Conant Road in Turner to 201 Norridgewock Road in Fairfield.
- Investigator Luce found that your caregiver registration had expired on 01-13-2022 and that your current caregiver card was not issued until 04-05-2022, meaning that you were not authorized to conduct any caregiver activities during that time.
- Investigator Luce found that you were selling edibles at your store and that you did not possess a retail food license.
- Investigator Luce found that you were selling tobacco products, but you did not possess a retail tobacco license.
- Investigator Luce found numerous packaging and labeling issues with products in the store. One such example would be some of the “shatter” that you were selling. The

shatter was folded in plain wax paper, then placed into a small plain unsealed manilla envelope. The only labeling on the packaging was handwritten and was the weight and the name (i.e., “Don Mega 1g”). Another such example was the flower that was being sold in a mylar envelopes, which had a clear pane, was not tamper evident and child resistant. You did not have any exit bags that were opaque and/or child resistant.

- Investigator Luce observed that you were selling IRIS Snack Division popcorn, which was not labeled properly. Investigator Luce asked to see the wholesale transaction documents for this product. You advised that they were samples that were dropped off and that you did not have paperwork for the product. Investigator Luce observed that you had three (3) bottles of Nanos Limeade THC water, which is sold by Blue Sky Lab (AMF309). Investigator Luce asked you to see your wholesale paperwork for the Nanos Limeade. You advised that they were samples that were dropped off and you did not have any paperwork. Investigator Luce asked to see your last twelve (12) months of wholesale transactions records and you could only produce five (5) wholesale transactions.
- Investigator Luce found that of the five (5) wholesale transactions that you provided, three (3) involved Iron Lung of Portland, Maine. Investigator Luce found that you had allowed a Bowen Bai take receipt of all three of these deliveries. Investigator Luce found that Mr. Bai was not registered with the Department as either a caregiver or caregiver assistant. When investigator Luce requested a copy of Mr. Bai’s photo ID, you advised through Ms. Ali Lee that he had not worked for your company for a long time and that you were unable to contact him. Investigator Luce found that three of these transactions, January 25, 2022, February 3, 2022, and February 10, 2022, occurred during a time when you were not authorized to conduct any caregiver activities.
- On several occasions during his inspection, Investigator Luce explained to you that you had no registered caregiver assistants, so no one else would be able to have access to your retail store, handle your products, sell your products, or assistant you in any way with your caregiver activities.
- On 02-24-2022, Mr. Zhang sold two (2) pre-rolls to a person who was not a qualified patient, while working at Yezi Craft Cannabis in Fairfield, Maine. At this time, Mr. Zhang was not a registered caregiver or caregiver assistant with the Department and was not authorized to conduct caregiver activities for you. During this sale he did not require or ask for the customers MMMP qualified patient card. The packaging of the pre-rolls was not tamper evident and did not meet packaging and labeling requirements.
- On 03-02-2022, Mr. Zhang sold two (2) pre-rolls to a person who was not a qualified patient, while working at Yezi Craft Cannabis in Fairfield, Maine. At this time, Mr. Zhang was not a registered caregiver or caregiver assistant with the Department and was not authorized to conduct caregiver activities for you. During this sale, Mr. Zhang asked the customer if they had a medical card and the customer told him that they did not have a medical card. Mr. Zhang then responded, “No Problem” and completed the sale to the customer. The packaging of the pre-rolls was not tamper evident and did not meet packaging and labeling requirements.
- On 03-31-2022, Investigator Fred Luce went to Yezi Craft Cannabis at 201 Norridgewock Road in Fairfield. Investigator Luce was met in the front of the store by Mr. Zhang. Investigator Luce observed that Mr. Zhang had the retail storefront open, even though he

was not a registered caregiver assistant to you. Investigator Luce asked where you were, and Mr. Zhang advised that you were currently in New York. Investigator Luce explained to Mr. Zhang that he would have to close the store since you were not at the store and that he could not be selling your products from your store. Investigator Luce found that there were flowering cannabis plants in Room 6 (364 sq ft of canopy) and Room 7 (312 sq. ft. of canopy). Investigator Luce found that there were approximately 36 immature cannabis plants in Room 8. Investigator Luce reported that M. Zhang denied were his.

- On 04-04-2022, Investigator Luce returned to Yezi Craft Cannabis in Fairfield. Investigator Luce met Dustin Veinott in the parking lot. Investigator Luce asked Mr. Veinott if the store was open, and he advised that the store was open. Investigator Luce entered the retail store lobby and observed that the store was open. After several minutes of walking around in the store, Investigator Luce was approached by Mr. Zhang. Investigator Luce asked Mr. Zhang if you were there, and he advised that you were not at the store, that you were in court. Investigator Luce explained to Mr. Zhang again, that he was not a registered caregiver assistant to you, and he could not be selling product from the store. Investigator Luce advised Mr. Zhang that he needed to close the store, at which time Mr. Huang locked the stores door, using keys that he took from his pocket.
- Based on the following information, Investigator Luce believes that you have continued to be domiciled in New York state and that you are not a resident of the state of Maine. On 02-14-2022, Investigator Luce was informed by your sister-in-law, Ali Lee, that you were currently in New York and provided Investigator Luce with your phone number [REDACTED]. Investigator Luce found that area code "[REDACTED]" is generally used in Nassau County New York. On 02-22-2022, you provided Investigator Luce with your Maine driver's license ([REDACTED]) which was issued on 10-09-2020 and which listed your address as [REDACTED]. Your Maine driver's license was issued a few weeks after your New York driver's license ([REDACTED]) was issued on 09-25-2020 and which listed your address as [REDACTED]. On 02-22-2022, you were accompanied by your wife, Hui Zhang, who presented Investigator Luce with her New York driver's license ([REDACTED]), which was issued on 09-29-2018 and listed her address as [REDACTED]. On 03-31-2022, Investigator Luce went to Yezi Craft Cannabis and was advised that you were currently in New York. On 04-01-2022, Investigator Luce received an email from Ali Lee, who explained that your 8-year-old child and your 10-year-old child were both attending a private school in New York and that you were there in New York for an emergency. On your application, dated 11-4-2020, you included your Maine driver's license number and listed your address as [REDACTED].
- Investigator Luce found that based on your continued domicile in New York state, you misrepresented information on your caregiver application dated 11-04-2020, where you attested to the fact that you were a Maine resident.

For these reasons, your eligibility to participate in the MMMP has been revoked.

- **22 M.R.S.A § 2423-A (2)A-1** Sale to a person who is not a qualified patient
- **22 M.R.S.A § 2430-F (2)** Suspension or revocation of registry identification card
- **22 M.R.S.A § 2423-A (2)** Caregiver not a resident of State of Maine
- **22 M.R.S.A § 2425-A (4)(B)(3)** Information provided by applicant on application was falsified
- **22 M.R.S.A § 2425-A (4)(B)(2)** Applicant not qualified to be caregiver
- **22 M.R.S.A. § 2425-A (2)** Caregiver expired registration
- **22 M.R.S.A. § 2425-A (2)** Expired or unregistered caregiver assistants
- **22 M.R.S.A. § 2423-F (7)** Edible sales without valid retail food license
- **22 M.R.S.A. § 1551-A** Tobacco retail license (none or expired)
- **22 M.R.S.A § 2430-G(1)(A)(2)** Failure to retain records for 4 years
- **22 M.R.S.A § 2430-G** Failure to maintain records of plant/harvested cannabis transfer
- **22 M.R.S.A. § 2429-A (1)** Packaging not tamper evident/child resistant/opaque
- **22 M.R.S.A. § 2429-A (1)** Label lacks warning “contains harvested cannabis”
- **18-691 CMR Ch. 2 § 6 (A)(2) and § 7 (Q)(1)** Failure to utilize trip tickets
- **18-691 CMR Ch. 2 § 10 (I)(4)** Illegal practices or unauthorized conduct, such as illicit transfers of cannabis, selling adult use cannabis product without an adult use license, and holding a large amount of cannabis flower with no authority to do so.

Please immediately return your Registry Identification Card to:

Department of Administrative & Financial Services
Office of Cannabis Policy
Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program
162 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0162

II. Registration Revocation and Right to Request an Informal Hearing:

Pursuant to 22 M.R.S. §2430-F, the Department may suspend or revoke a registry identification card for violation of Chapter 558-C and the rules adopted by the Department. A person who has had authorization for conduct under Chapter 558-C revoked due to failure to comply with Chapter 558-C and rules adopted by the Department may request an informal hearing. If you would like to request an informal hearing, please notify the Department in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of the revocation effective date at the address information provided above. A request for an informal hearing should be sent to Vernon Malloch, Deputy Director of Operations by email at

Vernon.Malloch@maine.gov or USPS at 162 State House Station, 19 Union Street, Augusta, Maine 04333-0062. If the Department does not receive a hearing request in accordance with the policy, the revocation becomes final.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Field

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