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May 16, 2022

Via Electronic Mail and USPS First Class Mail

Xiao Dong Zhang

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

Dear Mr. Zhang,

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 Cannabis 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): Xiao Dong Zhang **CGR30974**. 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 Yezi Craft Cannabis at 201 Norridgewock Road in Fairfield, Maine. Upon entry into the business, Investigator Luce encountered you working inside the facility. At this time, you were not a registered caregiver or a registered caregiver assistant and so were not permitted to engage in caregiver activities either for Yun Jian Huang, registered caregiver, or Sheng Cheng Ye, who owned the property. Investigator Luce advised you and Mr. Huang that only Mr. Ye could sell product from the retail storefront, because he had no registered caregiver assistants. Investigator Luce advised you and Mr. Huang that you were not authorized to be inside Mr. Ye's retail storefront and the store needed to be closed immediately. Investigator Luce explained to you that you were not authorized to assist Mr. Huang or have access to his grow, and you were not authorized to assist Mr. Ye or have access to Mr. Ye's storefront. Investigator Luce also explained to you that you could not conduct any caregiver activities until you had your caregiver registration card in your hand.
- On 02-24-2022, at approximately 11:30 a.m., you sold two (2) pre-rolls of harvested cannabis to a person who was not a qualified patient, while you were working at Yezi

Craft Cannabis in Fairfield, Maine. At this time, you were not a registered caregiver or caregiver assistant with the Department and were not authorized to conduct caregiver activities. During this sale you 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, at approximately 3:20 p.m., you sold two (2) pre-rolls to a person who was not a qualified patient, while you were working at Yezi Craft Cannabis in Fairfield, Maine. At this time, you were not a registered caregiver or caregiver assistant with the Department and were not authorized to conduct caregiver activities. During this sale, you asked the customer if they had a medical card and the customer told you that they did not have a medical card. You 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.
- Your Caregiver card and registration was issued effective March 25, 2022.
- On 03-31-2022, Investigator Fred Luce went to Yezi Craft Cannabis. You met Investigator Luce in the lobby of the store. Investigator Luce observed that you had the retail storefront open, even though you were not a registered caregiver assistant of Mr. Ye. Investigator Luce asked you where Mr. Ye was, and you advised that he was currently in New York. Investigator Luce explained to you again that you could not sell anything from the retail store, because it is Mr. Ye's store, and you were not registered caregiver assistant of Mr. Ye.
- 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, you came from the back and met Investigator Luce. Investigator Luce asked if Mr. Ye was there and you advised that he was not at the store, that he was in court. Investigator Luce explained to you once again, that you were not a registered caregiver assistant of Mr. Ye's and you could not be selling product from the store. Investigator Luce advised you that you needed to close the store, at which time Mr. Huang locked the stores door.

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

- 22 M.R.S.A § 2423-A (2)A-1 Two sales to a person who is not a qualified patient
- **22 M.R.S.A. § 2429-A (1)** Packaging not tamper evident/child resistant/opaque
- **18-691 CMR Ch. 2 § 10 (l)(4)** Illegal practices or unauthorized conduct, including you were engaging in caregiver activities with no authorization or registration as a registered caregiver or registered caregiver assistant, at the relevant times. You only became a Caregiver effective March 25, 2022.

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 <u>Vernon.Malloch@maine.gov</u> 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

Michael Field Director of Compliance Office of Cannabis Policy

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