Exporting all parts of hemp plants to the EU

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Proposal for a Regulation as regards the school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme ('EU school scheme'), sectoral interventions, the creation of a protein sector, requirements for hemp, the possibility for marketing standards for cheese, protein crops and meat, application of additional import duties, rules on the availability of supplies in time of emergencies and severe crisis and securities

What is changing and why?

The European Commission proposes to allow all hemp plant parts to be exported to the European Union (EU) as agricultural products. It also proposes to extend the maximum levels of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ9-THC), currently authorised for hemp seeds exported to the EU, to include all hemp plant parts (raw hemp, seeds, and other plant parts). This means that:

- levels of Δ9-THC must not exceed a 0.3% limit
- plants must be grown from certified hemp seed, or accompanied by a certificate stating that the Δ9-THC level of the hemp variety does not exceed 0.3%.

Hemp seeds that are not for sowing do not have to comply with these requirements.

See details in Table 1.

Timeline

The proposed rules are likely to be adopted by late 2026 to early 2027.

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Table 1
Proposed conditions for hemp exported to the EU

Hemp product (from a variety of *Cannabis sativa*)	CN code	Conditions
Raw true hemp	5302	• Maximum Δ9-THC[1] content ≤0.3% • Grown from certified seeds[2] *or* Accompanied by proof that Δ9-THC level of variety is ≤0.3%
Hemp seeds for sowing	ex 1207 99 20	
Other parts of the hemp plant	1211 90 86	
Hemp seeds other than for sowing	1207 99 91	Importers must be authorised by the EU Member State to ensure seeds are not intended for sowing

1. Δ9-THC = delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol.
2. Certified in accordance with Directive 2002/57/EC; or (for conservation seed varieties) Directive 2008/62/EC (Art. 10).

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