

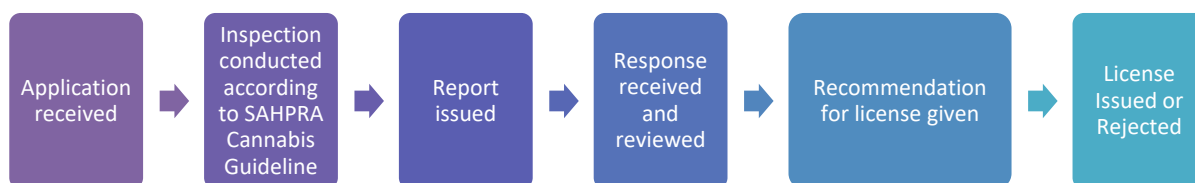
Request for Industry Comment

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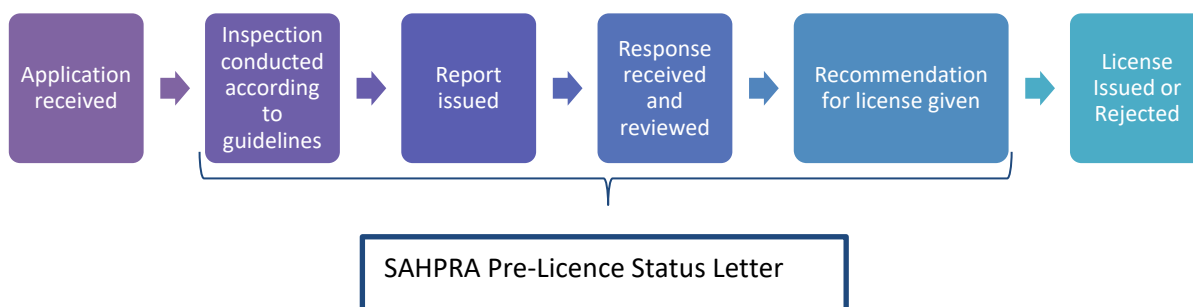
Pre-Licence Status: Status letter pertaining to applications for Section 22C(1)(b) Licences to Cultivate Cannabis for Producing Scheduled Substances

The South African Health Products Regulatory Authority hereby proposes the implementation of a pre-licence status letter to provide applicants with the status of their Section 22C(1)(b) licence application to cultivate the cannabis plant for the purposes of producing scheduled substances i.e. THC or CBD, for medicinal and research purposes only.

The current SAHPRA framework for licensing cultivators of cannabis for producing scheduled substances (medicinal cannabis) is as follows:



Within the current framework, SAHPRA proposes the implementation of the pre-licence status letter which applicants may use to confirm the status of their applications to SAHPRA pending the outcome of the license application.



The implementation of the pre-licence status letter, pending the outcome of the license application process, is only applicable for licence applications for cultivation of the cannabis plant for the purposes of producing scheduled substances for medicinal and research purposes only.

The issuance of a pre-licence status letter may be used by licence applicants to assist them in confirming the status of their application with SAHPRA.

The status letter will be provided to licence applicants upon request, free of charge. Updated status letters may be requested when the application status progresses through the licensing process.

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