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**A2LA Accredits First Cannabis Testing Laboratory to ISO/IEC 17025**

**March 10, 2016, Frederick, MD** – On March 9, 2016, A2LA issued its first Cannabis testing accreditation to Legend Technical Services, Inc., located in St. Paul, MN. The laboratory was assessed to ISO/IEC 17025 – General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories and is currently able to test medical cannabis under Minnesota’s Medical Cannabis Registry Program (according to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 152.22 through 152.37).

Legend Technical Services Inc.’s Scope of Accreditation (Certificate 2950.01) includes testing for Cannabinoid Potency and Profile, Terpenes, Pesticides, Total Residual Solvents, Mycotoxins, Heavy Metals and Analysis of Aerobic Bacteria, Yeast/Mold, E. Coli, Salmonella and Gram-Negative Bacteria in Medical Marijuana products.

The [A2LA Cannabis Accreditation Program](#) establishes a standard of quality for the testing of cannabis and cannabis-derived products, including hemp, oils, and hash concentrates. Currently, a significant number of the states, where cannabis has been legalized for recreational and/or medical use, specify or encourage laboratory accreditation to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025. Because each state’s specific requirements for cannabis testing tend to vary, one of A2LA’s focuses is on working with state regulators to establish consistent, regulatory requirements and to offer accreditation to any specific state requirements, if necessary. These efforts help to ensure that A2LA accreditation offers the highest level of recognition and provides the most value to the laboratory and to users of these products.

A2LA is currently accepting new applications for accreditation from testing laboratories under the Cannabis Testing Program. In addition, laboratories that currently hold ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation with A2LA and that are located in states where medical or recreational cannabis has been legalized may expand their existing Scope of Accreditation to include these tests. More information regarding the A2LA Cannabis Accreditation Program may be

found at [www.A2LA.org/Cannabis](http://www.A2LA.org/Cannabis).

### **About A2LA**

A2LA is a non-profit, non-governmental, third-party accreditation body, offering internationally-recognized accreditation services and training to testing and calibration laboratories, inspection bodies, proficiency testing providers, reference material producers and product certifiers.

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