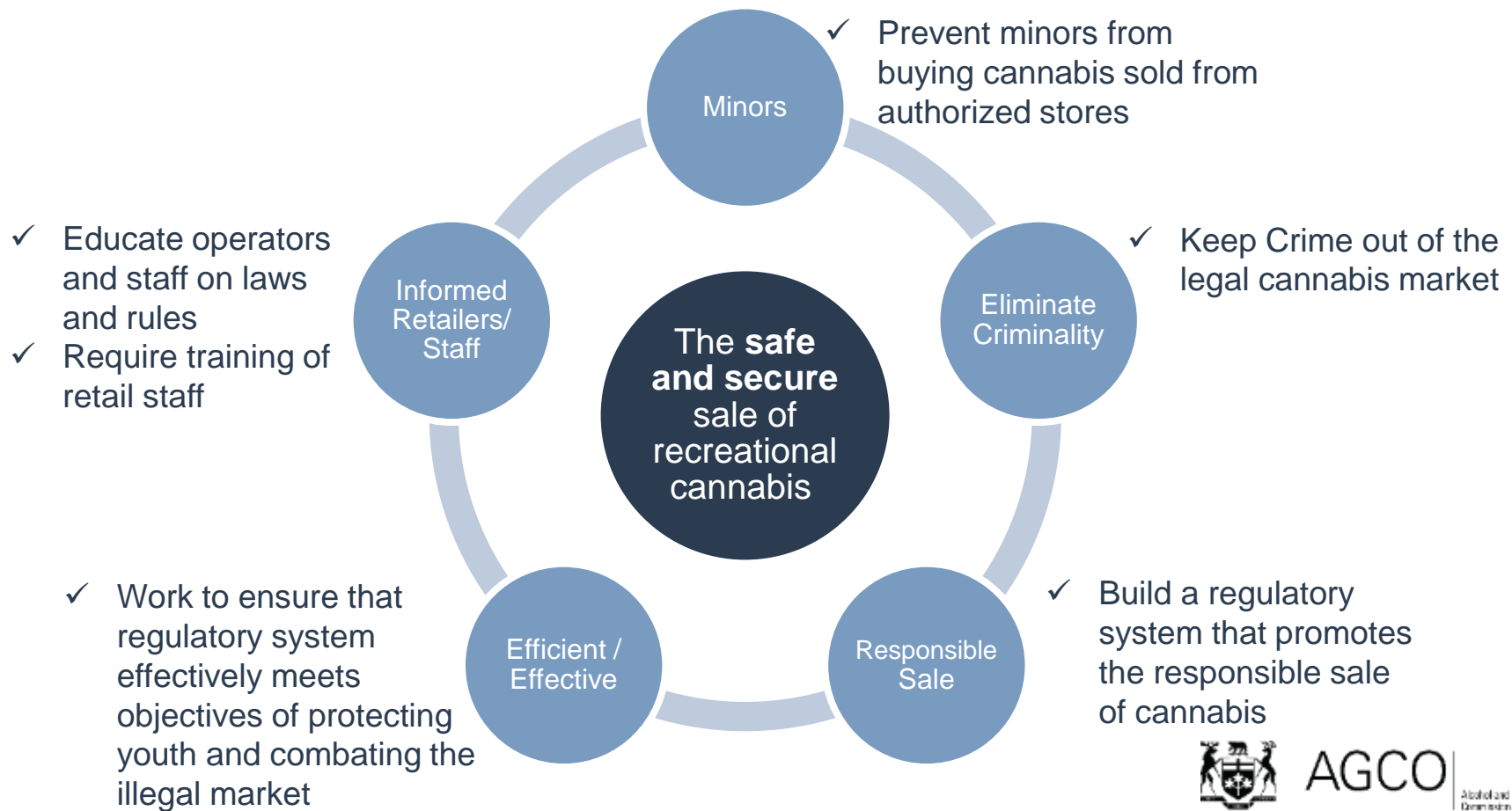


AGCO's Approach to Cannabis Regulation

Mississauga City Council – June 2021



AGCO Cannabis Retail Regulatory Objectives

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Types of Licenses and Authorizations



Due Diligence Processes

- All Retail Operator Licence (ROL) applicants undergo thorough due diligence and background checks
 - Checked for compliance with the law, regulatory history, financial responsibility and historical infractions
 - The OPP performs criminal background checks on all individuals and entities
 - More thorough investigations conducted when any concerns identified



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The Registrar's Standards

The *Cannabis Licence Act, 2018* and Regulation 468/18 provide the Registrar with authority to establish standards and requirements.

Standards that fall within **8 areas**:

1. General Requirements
2. Physical Store Requirements
3. Destruction of Cannabis
4. Secure Transportation
5. Minors and Prohibited Individuals
6. Advertising and Promotion
7. Responsible Use
8. Record Keeping Requirements

- Holders of a **Retail Operator Licence** are responsible for meeting all Standards.
- Where not specified otherwise, Standards also apply to holders of a **Retail Manager Licence**.
- The *Registrar's Standards for Cannabis Retail Stores* are reviewed and revised on a regular basis to ensure that they are effective in mitigating risks as the cannabis retail sector matures.



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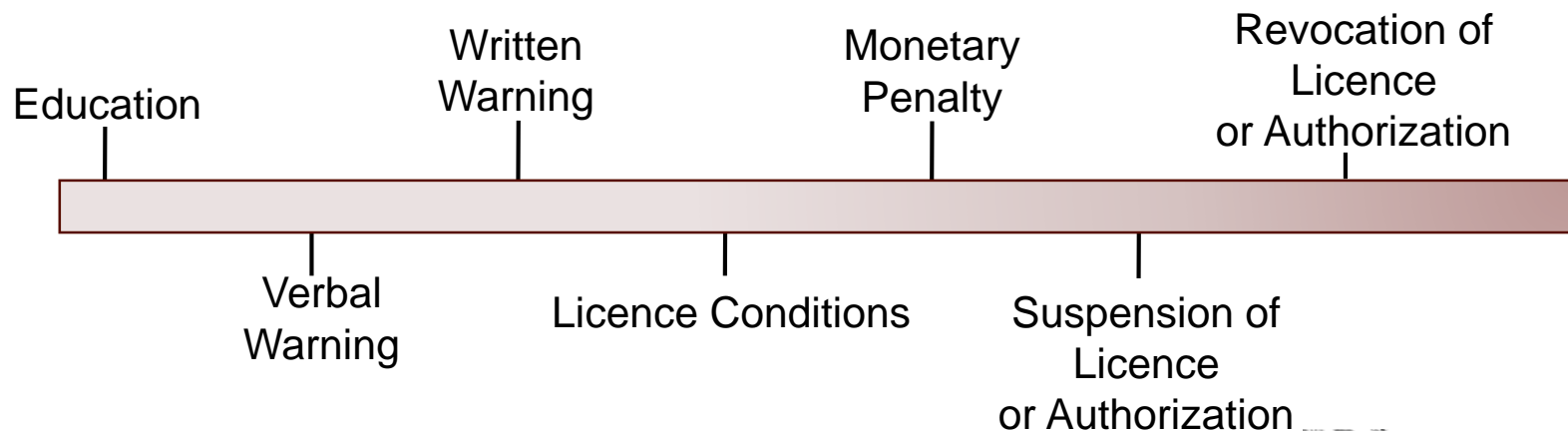
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The AGCO's Compliance Approach

The AGCO's regulatory objective with respect to cannabis is to ensure the retail sale of cannabis in Ontario is carried out with **honesty, integrity and in the public interest**

Key compliance objectives include:

- Preventing access to cannabis by minors
- Preventing diversion to, or participation of, the illicit cannabis market



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Retail Store Location Requirements

The *Cannabis Licence Act, 2018* and its regulations require that each **retail store** meet certain requirements.

- Must be located in a municipality or reserve that permits cannabis retail stores.
- A cannabis retail store cannot be located near a school or private school, as defined in the *Education Act*, if the proposed retail store is less than 150 metres away from the property line of the school. This will be determined as follows:
- May only operate between the hours of 9:00 am – 11:00 pm (Monday to Sunday) unless otherwise governed by provincial retail and / or local retail by-laws.
- Must be the only business that will operate at the proposed retail store and must only sell permitted **items**, that is, cannabis, accessories and items related to cannabis



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Public Notice Process

- The municipality, along with its residents, have an opportunity to provide written submissions to the AGCO on matters of public interest (as set out in the regulations) before a proposed cannabis retail store location is authorized.
- Notification of applications for Retail Store Authorizations will be made available to the public.
 - AGCO Tweets each new application
 - Automatic email notification available by region
- The applicant will be required to post a notice for **15 calendar days** at the proposed retail store location.
- Applications for a Retail Store Authorization are posted to and searchable on the AGCO website.



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Application for a Cannabis Retail Store Authorization



Store Name
ADDRESS
CITY, PROVINCE, POSTAL CODE
File Number: 123456
Deadline for submissions: January 31, 2019

A Cannabis Retail Store Authorization may be issued to this applicant unless the Registrar finds it is not in the public interest, as defined by the *Cannabis Licence Act, 2018*.

For the purposes of the *Cannabis Licence Act, 2018*, the following are matters of public interest:

1. Protecting public health and safety
2. Protecting youth and restricting their access to cannabis
3. Preventing illicit activities in relation to cannabis

Written submissions regarding this application may be made online at www.agco.ca/iAGCO by the following:

- A resident of the municipality in which the proposed store is located
- The municipality representing the area in which the proposed store is located. If the municipality is a lower-tier municipality, then the upper-tier municipality of which it forms a part may also make a submission.

Written submissions will be considered by the Registrar and the Registrar's decision to issue or refuse this retail store authorization is final.

Submissions must be received by the AGCO on or before the date set out in this Public Notice. In your submission, please include the file number noted above. The AGCO may provide copies of any submissions to the applicant. Anonymous submissions will not be considered.

Questions about this application should be directed to the AGCO, quoting the file number noted above:

- Online: www.agco.ca/iAGCO
- Telephone: 416-326-8700 or toll free in Ontario 1-800-522-2876

Information about the application contained in this notice is released pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

This Public Notice must be posted in a place where members of the public can easily read the contents without having to enter the proposed premises.

Municipal Role

Municipalities may:

- Determine whether they want to have cannabis stores operating in their local community.
- Choose to implement additional restrictions on smoking and vaping through the use of municipal bylaws.

The *Cannabis Licence Act* does not allow for municipalities to:

- Create a licensing system respecting the sale of cannabis.
- Pass a by-law that distinguishes land or building use for cannabis from any other kinds of use.



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