

BCI Marihuana FAQs

If evidence is being submitted as a result of a trafficking case, but that evidence weighs less than 100 grams, will it be accepted?

Yes. BCI's new marihuana policy relates only to minor misdemeanor charges.

Why is BCI changing its policy regarding the submission of marihuana evidence?

The new policy allows BCI to focus the technical skill, training and expertise of its scientists on those cases where they are most needed. As an alternative to BCI's services, local law enforcement officers can serve as subject matter experts in the identification of marihuana.

Officers can attend courses to obtain certification in the identification of marihuana. One such course is offered through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. For additional information concerning marihuana certification please contact:

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If evidence weighing less than 100 grams is accepted in Evidence Receiving and it turns out to weigh less will the evidence be worked?

Once vegetable matter is opened and weighed, it will be tested.

If a container of marihuana, obviously under 100 grams is in a case with other items, will it be tested?

If such evidence is not opened and weighed, it will be reported as "not tested."

Will hand-rolled cigarettes and cigars be accepted?

Hand-rolled cigarettes and cigars will not be accepted if they weigh less than 100 grams.

Will smoking devices be accepted if it is suspected that the substance smoked was something other than marihuana?

Yes. BCI recognizes that substance other than marihuana may leave residue in a smoking device and will test for other substances if an analysis is requested.