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California Motor Carrier Permit

**Understanding the California
Vehicle Code Section 34620**

White Paper

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We have received some questions lately from our Cannabis clients in regards to the possible need of a California Motor Carrier Permit (MCP) for Cannabis businesses that deliver their product (either retail or wholesale).

California’s Motor Carrier Permit is codified under California Vehicle Code Section 34620. The administrative permit process is through the California Department of Motor Vehicles. The enforcement of the MCP is through the California Highway Patrol.

The main question we are asked is if an MCP is required when delivering products. The answer is twofold.

1. If your business makes any kinds of deliveries and you OWN the vehicles to make the deliveries, your vehicles are not required to an MCP. If you contract out with any third-party deliver service, of course they must have an MCP.
2. If you use any kind of “app” platform for deliver, like “Eaze”, then the answer is yes, you need an MCP. That would mean even if the employees are yours, the vehicles are theirs, the MCP is required.

Both of the above items are regardless of vehicle weight.

While the individual for an MCP is not all that expensive, the other requirements might be onerous including, but not limited to:

- ✦ Additional liability insurance requirements;
- ✦ Proof of Workers’ Compensation insurance;
- ✦ Belonging to the DMV PULL Program;
- ✦ Random driver drug testing; and
- ✦ Supervisory Probable Cause Drug training

Of course Nine Point Strategies can assist clients in all these areas of compliance. And, compliance with the MCP like the questions; “If I have an MCP, do I have to stop at those Weigh Stations” and the question “What happens if we are stopped by law enforcement”?

Nine Point Strategies is here to assist our clients in all these requirements. Clients can contact me at tschwartz@strattonagencies.com.

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