

For a not-for-profit production-distribution system for cannabis

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more users, heavier use, lower cost production practices

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For-profit actors:
Forces that contain/limit regulations for public health

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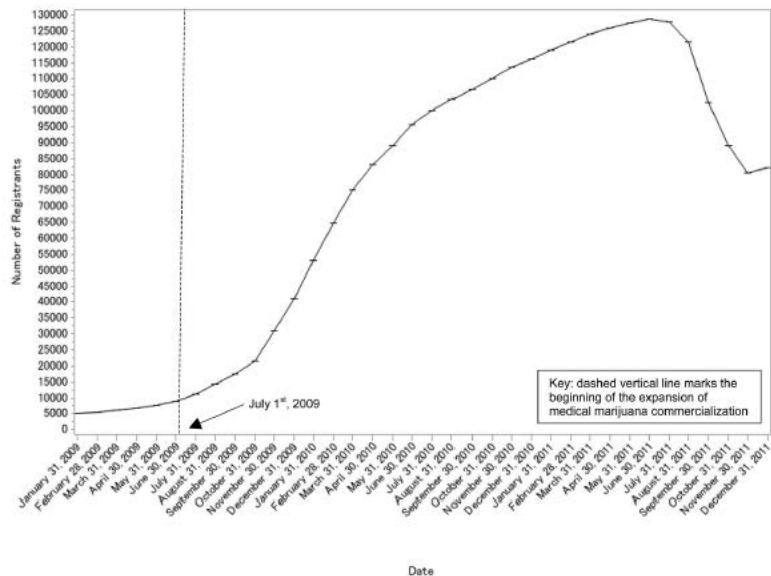


Europe: no link between legal status and use
(EMCCDA, 2011)

Netherlands: no link between legal status and use,
but link between commercialization and use
(MacCoun, 2011)

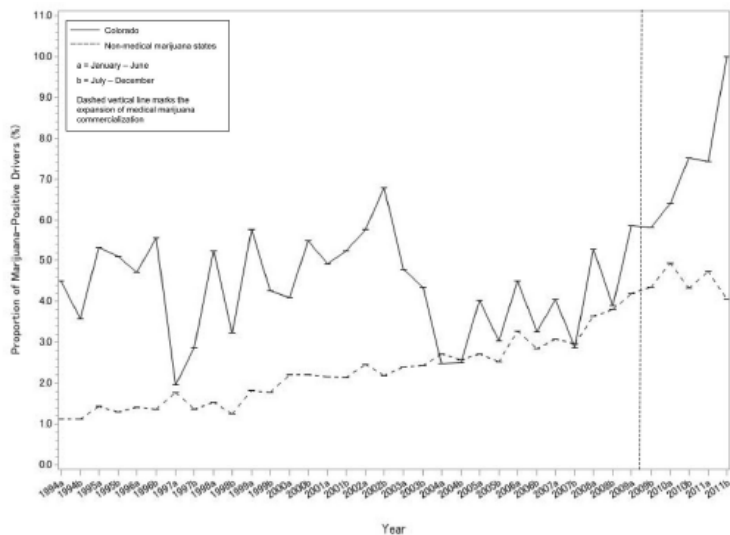
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Design a not-for-profit system
to the extent possible

Figure 1 Issues and potential components of a regulatory model

PRODUCTION

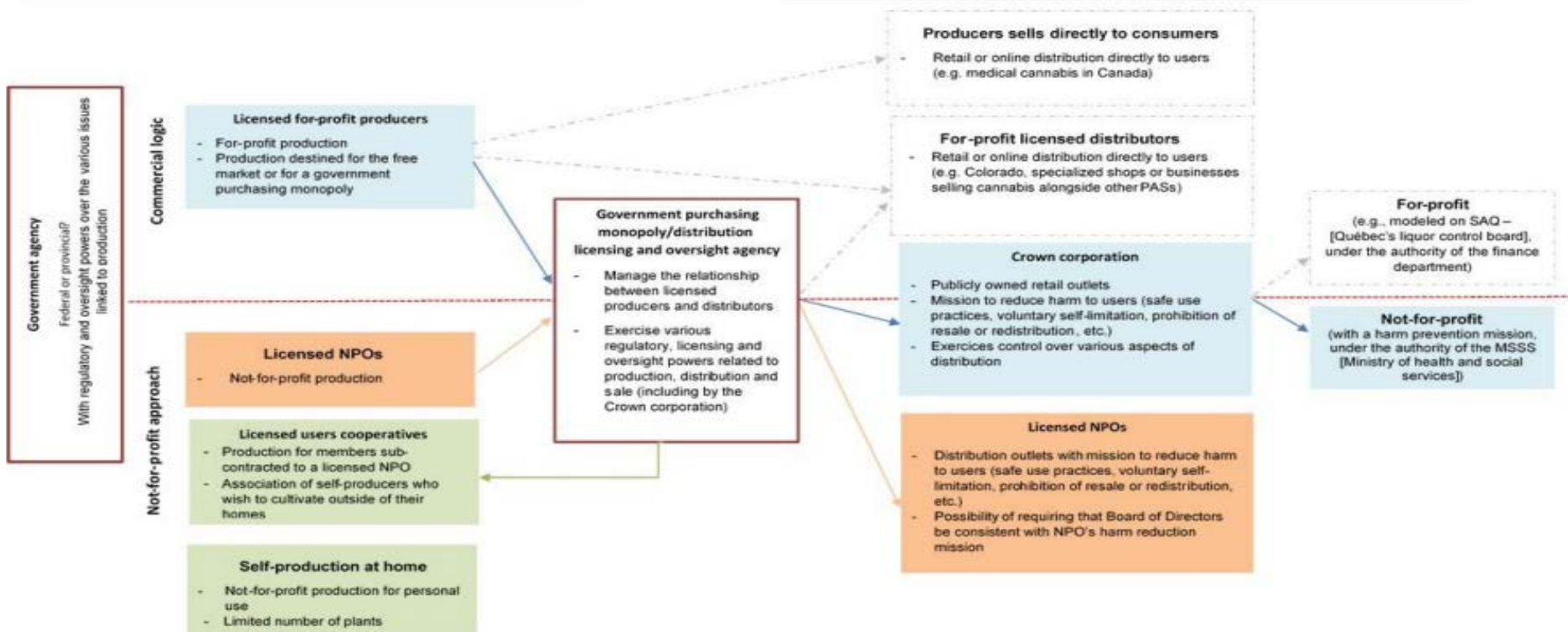
Principal issues:

- Persons and organizations authorized to produce
- Authorized forms of cannabis
- Quality and safety of cannabis and its cultivation
- Labelling and packaging of products distributed
- Licensing and oversight agency

DISTRIBUTION

Principal issues :

- Designation and definition of the mandate of organizations authorized to distribute
- Accessibility of the product
- Advertising and marketing of the product
- Training and prevention mandate of personnel tasked with distribution
- Limitation of supply quantities
- Licensing and oversight agency



Concluding thoughts



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Scenarios can be implemented progressively

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