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Judge denies motion to block Texas ban on THC



THC edibles are displayed on shelves at the Austin Smoke & Gift Shop on Nov. 21, 2025 in Austin. Federal lawmakers have approved a provision that will eradicate hemp products containing more than 0.4 milligrams of THC in the state of Texas. BRANDON BELL/GETTY IMAGES

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A federal judge has refused to pause Texas’ ban on most hemp-derived THC products while a lawsuit challenging the rules moves forward.

U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Brown of the Southern District of Texas denied the emergency motion to pause the ban on Aug. 9, finding the plaintiffs were unlikely to win on their due process and Commerce Clause claims and had not shown they would suffer irreparable harm under their federal preemption claim.

The motion came in a lawsuit filed July 31 by consumer Thomas Monti, Lifted Liquids Inc. and The Happy Cac-

tus Apothecary LLC against four state and county officials, including interim Health Services Commissioner Imelda Garcia and Attorney General Ken Paxton.

It challenges Schedule I definitions the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) republished July 10 and put into effect July 31, which treat THC in hemp other than delta-9 as controlled substances.

Brown’s order denied only the temporary restraining order; the plaintiffs’ request for a preliminary injunction remains pending. An initial pretrial conference is set for Nov. 4.

Here’s a quick look at the lawsuit, what it’s asking for and the Texas THC ban.

Texas THC lawsuit asks court to void state’s hemp rules

The case came after the Texas Supreme Court dissolved an injunction in May, and it was dismissed in June, clearing the way for the department to republish the definitions July 10.

The lawsuit states that the new rules, effective July 31, list non-delta-9 THC — including hemp-derived delta-8 THC — alongside illegal Schedule I drugs.

It also asserts that the DSHS rules violate both federal — the Farm Bill — and state law — the Texas Hemp Bill.

The 2018 Farm Bill defines hemp as

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Tech giants to follow Texas’ data center rules

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Meta and OpenAI are the latest tech giants to get on board with Texas’ new data center standards for energy consumption and water use to operate in the state.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott announced on Aug. 10, in two separate news releases, that the California-based tech companies would comply with Texas’ push to shield residents from rising energy costs driven by the construction and expansion of data centers in the state.

These announcements, along with those of other industry leaders, follow Abbott’s order for a full audit of proposed data centers connected to the state grid to ensure they comply with Abbott’s directive to state regulators requiring data centers to fully fund the costs of the electric infrastructure needed to serve their operations.

Here’s a quick look at which tech companies said they would comply with Texas’ new data center requirements and what those guidelines are.

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An anti-data center sign sits on a bench at The Garden, at 1801 Buddy Holly Ave. during the South Plains Swing Tour on July 18 in Lubbock. MATEO ROSILES/ AVALANCHE-JOURNAL

30,000 pounds of beef recalled after inspection issue

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A massive beef recall is underway in Texas and Florida after nearly 30,000 pounds of imported products entered the United States without undergoing a required reinspection.

Corte Argentino USA LLC, a Florida-based company, is recalling approximately

29,628 pounds of raw beef products imported from Argentina, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service announced Aug. 7.

According to FSIS, the products entered the United States without the benefit of import reinspection and were later distributed to retailers and distributors in Texas and Florida.

No illnesses or injuries linked to the recalled products have been reported.

Consumers who purchased the affected beef are urged not to eat it. The products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

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The raw beef products were produced between May 15, 2026, and May 20, 2026, and

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