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TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2018-027

### **PDX Aromatics Recalls Kratom Powder Because Of Possible Health Risk**

PDX Aromatics of Portland, Oregon DBA Kraken Kratom, Phytoextractum, and Soul Speciosa, has initiated a recall of certain kratom-containing powder products because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The affected powder products are packaged in plastic heat sealed pouches and sold in 28 grams, 56 grams, and 112 grams. The products total an estimated 10,000 units and were sold directly to consumers via company websites between January 18, 2018 and February 18, 2018. The products description and lot codes are as follows:

#### **Recall Product Identification:**

Brand	Product name	Net Wt
Kraken Kratom	Red Dragon Kratom Powder	28 g, 56 g, 112 g
Kraken Kratom	Red Vein Borneo Kratom Powder	28 g, 56 g, 112 g
Kraken Kratom	Red Vein Sumatra Kratom Powder	28 g, 56 g, 112 g
Kraken Kratom	Red Vein Thai Kratom Powder	28 g, 56 g, 112 g
Kraken Kratom	Super Indo Kratom Powder	28 g, 56 g, 112 g
Phytoextractum	Maeng Da Thai Kratom Powder (Horn Red)	28 g, 56 g, 112 g
Phytoextractum	Red Dragon Kratom Powder	28 g, 56 g, 112 g
Phytoextractum	Red Vein Borneo Kratom Powder	28 g, 56 g, 112 g
Phytoextractum	Red Vein Sumatra Kratom Powder	28 g, 56 g, 112 g
Phytoextractum	Red Vein Thai Kratom Powder	28 g, 56 g, 112 g
Phytoextractum	Super Indo Kratom Powder	28 g, 56 g, 112 g
Soul Speciosa	Maeng Da Thai Kratom Powder (Horn Red)	28 g, 56 g, 112 g
Soul Speciosa	Red Dragon Kratom Powder	28 g, 56 g, 112 g
Soul Speciosa	Red Vein Sumatra Kratom Powder	28 g, 56 g, 112 g
Soul Speciosa	Red Vein Thai Kratom Powder	28 g, 56 g, 112 g
Soul Speciosa	Super Indo Kratom Powder	28 g, 56 g, 112 g

Recalled products have any of the following LOT codes (represent packaging dates):				
LOT 20180118	LOT 20180125	LOT 20180201	LOT 20180207	LOT 20180214
LOT 20180119	LOT 20180126	LOT 20180201	LOT 20180208	LOT 20180215
LOT 20180120	LOT 20180127	LOT 20180202	LOT 20180209	LOT 20180216
LOT 20180121	LOT 20180128	LOT 20180203	LOT 20180210	LOT 20180217
LOT 20180122	LOT 20180129	LOT 20180204	LOT 20180211	LOT 20180218
LOT 20180123	LOT 20180130	LOT 20180205	LOT 20180212	
LOT 20180124	LOT 20180131	LOT 20180206	LOT 20180213	

The company has been notified by California Department of Public Health (CDPH) of that certain lots of the product were tested positive for *Salmonella* and became aware about one confirmed case of *Salmonella* associated with PDX Aromatics products.

Consumers who may be in possession of potentially contaminated products are advised not to consume products labeled with the above product descriptions and lot codes. All products associated with this recall should be returned to PDX Aromatics.

In order to receive a refund, customers should visit the site they purchased from: <http://krakenkratom.com/recall>, <http://phytoextractum.com/recall>, or <http://soulspeciosa.com/recall> and follow all instructions for returning recalled products within 14 business days.

PDX Aromatics has identified a supplier in our supply chain as the source of *Salmonella*. The company has removed that supplier from our supply chain and all associated products from our facility. We have ceased distribution of products in order to perform a facility audit and have initiated a voluntary recall. Working in cooperation with the FDA, the company will destroy all recalled product upon return.

Customers who have questions about this issue should contact PDX Aromatics at 503-850-9225, 9-5 PT, Monday-Friday, Monday-Friday or send email to [media@pdxaromatics.com](mailto:media@pdxaromatics.com).