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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2018-092

Gaia Ethnobotanical, LLC., Voluntarily Recalls Kratom Products Due to Potential Salmonella Contamination

Gaia Ethnobotanical, LLC., is voluntarily recalling all kratom (*mitragyna speciosa*) powder products, with Lot No.: 0102031800 it manufactured, processed, packed, and/or held, between March 18, 2018 to March 30, 2018 to the consumer level. The products have been found by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") via sample testing and finding to have salmonella contamination. In lieu of such FDA findings the company has implemented standard operating procedures and sterilization processes in accordance to FDA guidelines.

These products have 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 products (listed below) can be identified by Lot No.: 0102031800 and Batch No.: 031800. Specifically, the products were distributed to AK, AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NM NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, SC, SD, TX, VA, WA, WY via the internet.

<u>Label</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Packaging</u>
Gaia Ethnobotanical Bali Gold	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Elephant	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Ganesh MD	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Green Dragon	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Green Horn	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Green Kapuas Hulu	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Green Malay	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag

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Gaia Ethnobotanical Green MD	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Green Thai	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Plantation Green MD	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Plantation Red MD	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Plantation White MD	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Purple 8-1	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Red Bali	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Red Borneo	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Red Dragon	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Red Horn	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Red Kapuas Hulu	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Red MD	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Red Thai	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Super Green Malay	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical White Borneo	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical White Horn	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical White MD	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical White Thai	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Yellow Thai	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag
Gaia Ethnobotanical Yellow Vietnam	1oz, 250g, 1kg	Plastic Bag

Gaia is notifying its customers by e-mail and/or telephone and are urged to return the recalled products to us or immediately discard them.

Consumers with questions regarding this recall can contact the company at fdarecall@gaiaethnobotanical.com or call 24/7 at 702-996-8523.