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Subject: Emergency Public Health Order NO. 1 of 2026 - Removal of Covered Kratom Products from Retail Sale

Dear Albany County Retailer,

On August 24, 2026, the Albany County Department of Health issued an Emergency Public Health Order to remove all Kratom products from retail sale.

Effective at 12:01 a.m. on September 1, 2026, no person or entity, commercial or otherwise, including any business, smoke shop, convenience store, gas station, or online platform, shall sell, offer for sale, distribute, market or deliver any covered Kratom product within the County of Albany per the Public Health Order. **Any entity engaged in the sale, trade, or other commerce involving Kratom shall, within forty-eight (48) hours of the effective time of this Order, remove all covered Kratom products from customer-facing shelves and areas of public access.** Existing inventory of covered Kratom products shall be securely quarantined in a non-public storage area pending inspection, returned to the supplier, or inventory destroyed under the direction of the Department.

Albany County Department of Health public health officers and designated inspectors are authorized to enter and inspect during business hours any location where Kratom products are sold or believed to be sold. Inspectors are authorized to issue notices of violations and to seize and embargo covered Kratom products.

Any person or entity in violation of the Order on the sale of covered Kratom products will be subject to an initial civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per violation, with repeated or subsequent violations not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per violation. Each day on which a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation. Civil penalties are subject to written notice and an opportunity for a hearing.

For additional information, please visit www.albanycountyny.gov/health/kratom, or contact the Albany County Department of Health at (518) 447- 4569.

Sincerely,

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