

UNPA MEMBER MEMO

RE: No-Sale of Kratom -- Condition of UNPA Membership

BACKGROUND

This is to inform you that UNPA's Executive Committee has approved a new condition of UNPA membership as follows:

UNPA members will not engage in the sale, distribution or marketing of any products that contain kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*) for human use or consumption.

UNPA is adopting this policy in view of FDA's import alert 54-15 published on February 28, 2014 and subsequent enforcement actions against kratom products being imported or sold into the U.S.

FDA has expressed significant concerns about the safety of kratom, together with potential misuse or abuse of this botanical. We have reviewed FDA's data as well as their public presentations and agree that kratom should not currently be recognized as a dietary ingredient under DSHEA. We attach a link to the import alert for your reference: http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/cms_ia/importalert_1137.html

We ask that all current UNPA members observe this policy, and we will make this a condition of membership going forward for prospective members.

This policy is effective as of May 1, 2014.

We will note this policy change on our website and will inform our industry colleagues shortly.

As always, your comments are welcome.

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