

The United States: PDX Aromatics recalls kratom powder because of possible health risk

The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announces that 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 18 January 2018 and 18 February 2018. Recalled products have any of the LOT codes from LOT 20180118 to LOT 20180131 and LOT 20180201 to LOT 20180218 (represent packaging dates).

The products description is as follow:

Brand	Product name
Kraken Kratom	Red Dragon Kratom Powder
Kraken Kratom	Red Vein Borneo Kratom Powder
Kraken Kratom	Red Vein Sumatra Kratom Powder
Kraken Kratom	Red Vein Thai Kratom Powder
Kraken Kratom	Super Indo Kratom Powder
Phytoextractum	Maeng Da Thai Kratom Powder (Horn Red)
Phytoextractum	Red Dragon Kratom Powder
Phytoextractum	Red Vein Borneo Kratom Powder
Phytoextractum	Red Vein Sumatra Kratom Powder
Phytoextractum	Red Vein Thai Kratom Powder
Phytoextractum	Super Indo Kratom Powder
Soul Speciosa	Maeng Da Thai Kratom Powder (Horn Red)
Soul Speciosa	Red Dragon Kratom Powder
Soul Speciosa	Red Vein Sumatra Kratom Powder
Soul Speciosa	Red Vein Thai Kratom Powder
Soul Speciosa	Super Indo Kratom Powder

The company has been notified by California Department of Public Health 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.

PDX Aromatics has identified a supplier in the supply chain as the source of Salmonella. The company has removed that supplier from the supply chain and all associated products from the facility. PDX Aromatics has 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.

Please refer to the following website in FDA for details:

<https://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm600477.htm>

In Hong Kong, the above products are not registered pharmaceutical products. There is also no registered pharmaceutical product containing kratom.

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