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ALERT: Illegal and Potentially Dangerous Products Identified

Buzzers, Better Weather, Brighter Skies, and Klaz

The Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control (ATC) is issuing this advisory to alert retailers, wholesalers, and consumers to several products identified as potentially dangerous and currently circulating in the marketplace. These products - including Buzzers, Better Weather, Brighter Skies, and Klaz - are suspected to contain mitragynine or synthetic kratom derivatives such as 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), mitragynine pseudoindoxyl, MGM-15, or MGM-16. Many products are mislabeled or marketed as herbal supplements containing Cat's Claw, herbal tonics, or botanical products, deliberately obscuring their actual contents. ATC testing and available forensic evidence indicate these products contain prohibited substances that create serious public health and safety risks. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) had issued warnings advising consumers to avoid such products due to risks of addiction, toxicity and overdose¹.

Buzzers

Marketed as flavored herbal tablets with botanicals and Cat's Claw, Buzzers claim to be a kratom-free alternative for mood or energy. Testing confirmed the presence of mitragynine or 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), a synthetic kratom derivative classified as a Schedule I controlled dangerous substance under La. R.S. 40:966.1. Louisiana law prohibits the manufacture, distribution, sale, or possession of kratom or any substance containing 7-hydroxymitragynine or mitragynine.

Better Weather & Brighter Skies

ATC testing confirmed the presence of 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH) and mitragynine pseudoindoxyl, a highly potent semi-synthetic kratom compound. **On August 26, 2026, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a temporary emergency order under 21 U.S.C. § 811(h), classifying mitragynine pseudoindoxyl, MGM-15, and MGM-16 as Schedule I controlled substances.** The DEA cited multiple confirmed overdose cases and forensic laboratory detections nationwide in support of the emergency scheduling action.

¹ "FDA News Release: FDA takes steps to Restrict 7-OH Opioid Products Threatening American Consumers" (July 29, 2025).
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-takes-steps-restrict-7-oh-opioid-products-threatening-american-consumers>

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Klaz

Similar to Buzzers, Klaz is marketed as a flavored herbal pill containing plant-based botanicals or Cat's Claw and is advertised as "no 7-OH," "kratom-free," or "non-kratom." Confirmatory testing is ongoing. However, available reports and preliminary analysis indicate the product may be adulterated with kratom, synthetic kratom derivatives, or related semi-synthetic compounds. ATC recommends precautionary removal pending completion of testing. Other states, including Tennessee, may already have confirmed test results.²

Consequences for Businesses

Permitholders should consider the serious legal and criminal exposure associated with these products. Any business offering for sale any of the above listed products or any product containing 7-hydroxymitragynine, mitragynine, or related synthetic derivatives for sale may face immediate administrative enforcement action, including substantial civil fines, permit suspension, or revocation. Permitholders may face criminal liability for the manufacture, distribution, or sale of Schedule I controlled substances which constitutes felony criminal conduct under La. R.S. 40:967 et seq. Possession may result in additional criminal penalties, including up to five years imprisonment at hard labor.

Required Action

Commissioner Brown directs all retailers, wholesalers, and distributors to take the following immediate steps:

1. Immediately remove Buzzers, Better Weather, Brighter Skies, Klaz, and any product containing 7-hydroxymitragynine, mitragynine, or related synthetic derivatives from all distribution channels and retail sale.
2. Conduct a complete inventory review for any additional products that may contain prohibited substances and remove them from licensed premises.
3. Notify your employees of the legal risks and potential criminal liability associated with selling these items and ensure all staff understand these substances are prohibited.
4. Contact ATC if these products were supplied through regular distribution channels to assist in tracing

ATC remains committed to protecting Louisiana consumers and ensuring that all regulated products meet legal and safety standards. This advisory is based on current information and testing results. Additional updates will be issued as further investigation and testing continue. Persons with information regarding the sale, distribution, or possession of these prohibited products are encouraged to contact us:

Phone: 225-925-4041 or Email: atc-attorneys@atc.la.gov

For legal and compliance questions, consult with your attorney.

² <https://www.facebook.com/preventionalliancetn/posts/excellent-alert-prepared-by-the-warren-county-prevention-intervention-coalition/1481692940653096/>