State of Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control

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ATC ADVISORY: 2025 LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

Public Advisory on Kratom (7-Hydroxymitragynine and Mitragynine)

This advisory is issued to provide guidance on the enforcement of laws concerning the legality of 7-hydroxymitragynine and mitragynine, collectively known as Kratom. As per Louisiana Act No. 41, the possession and distribution of Kratom are now illegal, with the substance classified as a controlled dangerous substance under Louisiana's agricultural commodity law.

What You Need to Know About Current Louisiana Law

Starting August 1, 2025, any manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer involved in the illegal manufacture, possession, production, sale, distribution, or dispensing of Kratom products will face fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per offense. Offenders may also face up to five years of imprisonment, depending on the severity of the violation and the amount of Kratom involved. Repeat offenders could face higher fines and longer prison sentences, as determined by law.

Additionally, establishments licensed by the Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control (ATC) are prohibited from selling or storing Kratom products on its premises. Enforcement of this law will begin immediately.

Questions or Complaints?

The ATC is committed to assisting businesses within the alcohol, tobacco, and hemp industries and ensuring they are informed about and comply with all relevant laws and regulations. If you have questions regarding the law, please reach out to us via email at ATC-Attorneys@atc.la.gov.

If you wish to report any suspected violations, complaints can be submitted to the ATC at <u>ATC-Complaints@atc.la.gov</u>.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.