



THE AMERICAN KRATOM ASSOCIATION RELEASES STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ON REGULATING KRATOM

The American Kratom Association (AKA) recognizes that every effort should be made to keep kratom risks low and protect consumers from adulterated and contaminated kratom products. With appropriate FDA consumer regulation, we can maximize the potential for kratom to be responsibly used for the improvement of health and well-being of individuals and public health in America. To that end, AKA supports the following efforts:

1. **REGULATION:** AKA supports appropriate FDA regulations to ensure the safety and purity of kratom products. AKA is committed to work with the FDA to share information and collaborate in the development of regulations that will protect consumers from adulteration and contamination of kratom products.
2. **CHILDREN:** While Federal surveys have not identified use of kratom products in children as an emerging problem, AKA nonetheless supports efforts to prevent youth use, such as consideration of minimum age of procurement laws, e.g., age 18.
3. **CHILD EXPOSURE CONCERNS:** Although we are not aware of child or infant poisonings, AKA supports appropriate child resistant packaging.
4. **PRODUCT PURITY:** AKA believes that most manufacturers compete to provide the highest quality and purest products, and to ensure consumers can have confidence in the kratom products they purchase, AKA supports standards for product purity just as there are for most food products.
5. **POTENTIAL ADULTERANTS:** AKA believes that responsible marketers do not adulterate their products with other substances, which is a concern that has been raised by FDA. However, AKA would welcome FDA standards to prevent contamination or adulteration of kratom products with dangerous substances. AKA also supports appropriate monitoring to reassure consumers that their lawfully purchased products meet purity and manufacturing standards.
6. **CLAIMS CONSISTENT WITH DSHEA:** AKA is committed to limiting claims associated with the use of kratom products to conform with the standards set in Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA) for dietary supplements. AKA is committed to continuing to work with dietary experts and legal counsel and will work with the FDA to ensure that AKA's statements do not constitute inappropriate claims.
7. **LABELING:** AKA welcomes FDA development of labeling and encourages FDA to work with manufacturers and marketers to develop labeling that is helpful to consumers.