

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONNECTICUT

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By Email

Re: Delta-8 THC Products

Dear Retailer:

We are writing to put you on notice that many products being offered for sale in Connecticut retail shops that purport to contain delta-8 THC may be illegal in Connecticut. These products may contain THC levels that exceed .3 percent THC on a dry weight basis, which would classify them as cannabis products under our adult-use cannabis laws.

Cannabis products may only be sold in Connecticut by retailers that hold a license with the Department of Consumer Protection. If you offer delta-8 THC products for sale in your establishment that exceed .3 percent THC on a dry weight basis and you do not hold such a license, you are in violation of Connecticut law. For your information, we have included below photographs of products that were recently purchased from retailers in Connecticut that purport to contain delta-8 THC. The sale of such products may expose you to criminal and civil liability. Please remove any such products from your shelves and dispose of them immediately.

Delta-8 THC products that are sold outside the regulated cannabis market do not meet the packaging, testing, and labeling standards that are required to ensure that cannabis products will be produced and sold in a safe manner and prevent minors from purchasing such products. As demonstrated by the photos below, many of these products are packaged in a manner that appeals to youth. Even if minors do not purchase these products directly there have been multiple reports about children who find them in their home and consume them without knowing that they contain THC. The fact that these products have not been tested in accordance with Connecticut law raises the additional concern that they may contain harmful adulterants that could pose a health risk to Connecticut consumers.

We are aware that these products are widely available at retail locations throughout Connecticut. Please be on notice that the Office of the Attorney General fully intends to bring enforcement actions against retailers that continue to sell delta-8 THC products that meet the statutory definition of cannabis. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Attorney.General@ct.gov.

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