



September 11, 2014

Re: Synthetic Cannabinoids


Dear Sir or Madam:


We are writing to notify you that we have been advised by federal, state, and local law enforcement that synthetic cannabinoid products that are illegal under federal and/or state law are being sold at convenience stores, gas stations and so-called "head shops" throughout the State of New Hampshire. These illegal substances are sold under various brand names such as "Spice," "K2," "Smacked," and "Crazy Monkey" to name just a few. These products are marketed in various misleading guises, including but not limited to "potpourri," "incense," "herbal incense," and "glass cleaner." The packaging also makes the misleading claim that these substances are not intended for human consumption. As evidenced by the severe reactions and hospitalizations of nearly 50 people in the Manchester area who used Smacked, the sale of these illegal products is creating a hazard to public health and safety.

This letter serves as notice to you that, contrary to the popular belief that the sale of these substances is lawful, **the sale of these misbranded and/or controlled substances is illegal.** The sale of these products by your establishment could constitute a violation of federal and/or state law and could result in criminal prosecution, fines, and/or ultimately, a forfeiture of your license to sell beer and wine.

Your prompt attention to this matter is strongly advised. Please take the necessary steps to ensure that you refrain from the sale of these illegal and/or misbranded products. You may wish to seek independent legal advice concerning the content of this notice.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN P. KACAVAS  
United States Attorney  
District of New Hampshire

  
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