



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
*DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION*

Re: **Controlled Substances Drug Schedule Updates (PR2025-018)**

I, Jerry P. Padula, Esq., Staff Attorney of the Department of Consumer Protection, hereby certify that:

1. In compliance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-168(a)(1) regarding the proposal of a permanent regulation, on September 18, 2025, the Department of Consumer Protection (the “Department”) on the eRegulations System a proposed regulation entitled “**Controlled Substances Drug Schedule Updates**” that included the information required in said statute.
2. In compliance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-168(a)(2), on September 18, 2025, the Department posted a copy of the proposed regulation on the eRegulations System.
3. In compliance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-168(a)(3), on September 18, 2025, the Department gave notice electronically to each joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter of the proposed regulation.
4. In compliance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-168(a)(4), on or prior to September 18, 2025, the Department gave notice electronically or provided paper copies to all persons who made requests for advance notice of its regulation-making proceedings.
5. In compliance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-168(a)(5), the Department received no requests for a paper copy or electronic version of the proposed regulation, as described in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-168(a)(5).
6. In compliance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-168(a)(6), the Department prepared a fiscal note, including an estimate of the cost or of the revenue impact of the proposed regulations on (A) the state or any municipality of the state, and (B) small businesses in the state, including an estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation and the projected costs, including but not limited to, reporting, recordkeeping and administrative, associated with compliance with the proposed regulation and, if applicable, the regulatory flexibility analysis prepared under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-168a.
7. A public comment period ran from September 18, 2025, through 5:00pm on Monday, October 20, 2025.
8. A request for an opportunity to present oral argument was made by fifteen persons, by a governmental subdivision or agency, or by an association having not less than fifteen members, within fourteen days of the posting of the notice on the

eRegulations System, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-168(b). Said request was sent to the Commissioner from The American Kratom Association via email on September 24, 2025.

9. Pursuant to the request, a public hearing was noticed on the Department's website in order to solicit additional commentary regarding the regulation. Said public hearing was held via an online forum at 9:30am on October 15, 2025.
10. Public comments regarding the regulation as proposed were received during the public comment period, as well as during the aforementioned public hearing.
11. Due to public comments being received, the Department posted the statements described in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-168 (e)(2) and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-168 (e)(3) regarding public comments received during the public comment period.
12. No revisions to the fiscal note referred to in paragraph (6) above were necessary in light of any public comment respecting the proposed regulation.
13. In compliance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-168(e), on December 10, 2025, the Department posted on the eRegulations System notice that it decided to take action on the proposed regulation and has provided such notice electronically to all persons, if any, who submitted oral or written comments concerning the regulation, and has provided a paper copy of such notice to all persons who submitted comments in a non-electronic format.
14. The Notice of Decision reflected that no modifications were being made to the regulation as originally published on September 18, 2025.
15. Given that no changes are being made to the regulation, the final wording of the proposed regulation was uploaded to the eRegulations system September 18, 2025.

The Department is now submitting this proposed regulation for approval by the Office of the Attorney General, and if approved, will next submit it for consideration by the Regulation Review Committee. Thank you for your consideration.



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