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Subject : Proposal to Lift Import Alert on Kratom  
from Indonesia

Jakarta, September **29<sup>th</sup>** 2023

To:

**Dan Solis, Assistant Commissioner for Import Operations  
Office of Enforcement and Import Operations  
Office of Regulatory Affairs  
U.S. Food & Drug Administration  
10903 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20993**

Commissioner Solis:

I trust this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I write to you in my capacity as the Chief of Staff of the President of the Republic of Indonesia. It is with utmost respect and sincere concern that I address a matter of considerable significance that has recently come to our attention.

A few weeks ago, our office received two correspondences, one originating from the Governor of West Kalimantan, a region central to the cultivation of kratom, and the other from Indonesian Kratom Farmers Association (APPURI). In their respective letters, both parties expressed their profound concerns about the import alert placed on the shipment of kratom from Indonesia to the United States of America. The regulation has a significantly negative impact on the Indonesian kratom farmers.

We respectfully endorse the idea of lifting the import alert placed on the shipment of kratom from Indonesia. Concurrently, I affirm the unwavering commitment of the Government of Indonesia to engage in cooperative and constructive dialogue with the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) and all relevant stakeholders. Our primary objective is to ensure the safety and quality of kratom products imported into the U.S. from Indonesia.

In light of these considerations, the Indonesian government respectfully proposes the following points for consideration in support of the review of import alert as stated above:

- All qualified kratom exporters shall be mandated to implement gamma radiation sterilization on raw materials to align with FDA standards. Additionally, each released shipment of kratom raw materials must be accompanied by a verified certificate as an integral part of the export documents.



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- All qualified kratom exporters shall be obliged to provide laboratory test results from an independent Indonesian laboratory to verify compliance with the minimum FDA standards for microbiological and heavy metal contamination. Oversight of this process shall be diligently conducted by the Indonesian Quarantine Authority.
- The Indonesian Customs officials shall be mandated to withhold export clearance for any kratom exporter who neglects to include the requisite certifications within their export documents, thus ensuring strict adherence to the outlined quality standards.

We anticipate a productive and fruitful dialogue as we work together to address these concerns, with the overarching goal of promoting the well-being of kratom farmers and consumers while nurturing the enduring friendship between our nations.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Chief of Staff of The President of the  
Republic of Indonesia,



General TNI (Ret.) Dr. Moeldoko