

State of Louisiana  
Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control

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Commissioner

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**UPDATED CBD ADVISORY NOTICE**  
Post Release of Louisiana Pharmacy Board Guidance Document

To All:

As an update to the March 21, 2019 *CBD Advisory Notice (Post Release of Louisiana Pharmacy Board Guidance Document)*, which remains in full affect, the agency has learned that the Louisiana Attorney General has declined to offer an opinion on issues relating to CBD. The Louisiana legislative session opens Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. There are several bills related to marijuana, hemp and CBD. The agency will reconsider its policy once the issues are definitively addressed through the legislative process.

As previously stated in the prior *CBD Advisory Notice*, Louisiana law prohibits any product to contain any level or trace amount of THC and the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy has issued guidance its Guidance Document re: Cannabidiol (CBD) Oil (attached) that any product extracted from a marijuana plant is classified as a schedule I under the Louisiana Controlled Dangerous Substance Law. ATC Agents will be issuing citations to any retail permit holders who offer CBD products for sale and will require that CBD products be removed from the licensed premises. Additionally, the Agency will continue to process pending CBD store applications, but will not issue any permits to CBD stores until said opinions are received.

Should you have any questions regarding same, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Juana Marine-Lombard".

Juana Marine-Lombard, Commissioner  
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