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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 27, 2011

TO: Florida Retailers

FROM:  Pam Bondi, Attorney General
State of Florida

Gerald M. Bailey, Commissioner
Florida Department of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Psychoactive "Bath Salts" Emergency Rule

On January 26, 2011, the State of Florida deemed "bath salts", containing psychoactive substances to be a significant threat to health and public safety. By the emergency authority granted under Section 893.035(7)(a), Florida Statutes, the following chemicals were added to Florida's list of Schedule I drugs:

- 3,4 - Methylenedioxyamphetamines (Mephedrone);
- 3,4 - Methylenedioxypropylamphetamine (MDPV);
- 4 - Methylmethcathinone (Mephedrone);
- 3 - Methoxymethcathinone;
- 3 - Fluoromethcathinone; and
- 4 - Fluoromethcathinone.

The emergency Schedule I designation means, effective immediately, the purchase, possession, sale and/or distribution of these drugs is illegal and can result in a felony arrest.

Retailers and those in possession of psychoactive bath salts who require assistance in their lawful disposal must immediately contact their local law enforcement agency and surrender all quantities of these illegal substances. Failure to comply with this emergency order can result in a felony arrest punishable under Section 775.082, Florida Statutes.

We have enclosed the Emergency Rule, an Information Bulletin and an FDLE Alert Notification (English and Spanish copies) regarding the dangers associated with psychoactive bath salts.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important public safety effort. If you have questions or require additional information please contact the Florida Department of Law Enforcement at (850) 410-7645.