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OLCC Commissioners ban Alcoholic Energy Drinks in Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore. – At a special meeting, the Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission voted 4-1 in favor of banning alcoholic energy drinks from being sold in the state of Oregon. The decision came as a result of new information regarding OLCC’s legal options concerning alcoholic energy drinks as well as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s recent ruling.

“The OLCC has been concerned about the health risks of these products for some time,” says OLCC Chairman Philip Lang. “It’s unfortunate that so many young people around the country were hurt by these products. We’re glad that we can play a role in preventing that from happening here in the future.”

The seven products affected by the ban include Core High Gravity HG Green, Core High Gravity HG Orange, Lemon Lime Core Spiked, Moonshot, Four Loko, Joose, and Max, which were determined to be “adulterated” products by the FDA because they contain the “unsafe food additive” of caffeine. The ban on these products will be effective immediately.

The temporary rule adopted today will be effective until May 18, 2011. During that time, OLCC staff will begin permanent rulemaking concerning alcoholic energy drinks. The special commission meeting was held at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20 at the OLCC headquarters in Milwaukie.

The five citizen commissioners are the policy-making body of the OLCC. They meet monthly for one or two days to make decisions on liquor licenses, rules, contested case hearings and appointments of liquor store agents. Commission meetings are held every other month at OLCC’s main office, 9079 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Room 103A in Portland. Subsequent months, the meetings are held via phone. Agenda items can be obtained on-line at http://www.oregon.gov/OLCC/public_meetings.shtml

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