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The Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) commends the action taken today by the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#), in cooperation with the [Federal Trade Commission](#), Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, and the Centers for Disease Control to require companies manufacturing and selling caffeinated alcohol beverages to mitigate the harm these products may cause.

“Michigan has been a leader in the cause to remove alcohol energy drinks from the Michigan market, in being the leading state to take such action against these products, I feel very strongly about the dangers that these products pose on public safety,” said Nida Samona, Chairperson of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

MLCC would also like to recognize the leadership of several State Attorneys General around the country who had requested action by the FDA to address the health and safety concerns of these products.

“In the face of increasing reports of misuse and tragic consequences, many took responsible steps to protect the public. Our work, however, is not done. We must educate the public, especially our youth, to the dangerous practice of mixing alcohol and energy drinks and the dangers of over-consumption,” Dan Gwadosky, Chairman of the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA) said.

On November 4, 2010, the MLCC issued an [order](#) to manufacturers to remove 55 products containing alcohol mixed with added stimulants. Manufactures have 30 days from November 4, 2010 to remove these products. The manufacturer, wholesaler and retail outlet may wish to coordinate efforts in order to meet the December 3, 2010 deadline for removal of the alcohol energy drink products.

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