

CALIFORNIA

PRODUCTS:

 Products containing ephedrine (EPH), pseudoephedrine (PSE), norpseudoephedrine (NPSE), or phenylpropanolamine (PPA)

PRODUCT EXEMPTIONS:

- Pediatric liquid products containing EPH, PSE, NPSE or PPA are exempt from 3 package/9 gram sales limit. Pediatric products are defined as having dosage units that do not exceed 15 mg of PPA or PSE per 5 ml of liquid product, except for liquid products primarily intended for administration to children under two years of age for which the recommended dosage unit does not exceed 2 ml and the total package content does not exceed one fluid ounce. (CA Health and Safety Code 11100)
- EPH, PSE, NPSE or PPA products sold pursuant to a valid prescription are exempt from the sales limit. (CA Health and Safety Code 11100)

SALES LIMITS:

 No retailer may sell in a single transaction more than 3 packages or 9 grams of a product containing EPH, PSE, NPSE or PPA (unless a pediatric product in liquid form). (CA Health and Safety Code 11100)

PENALTIES:

 A first violation is a misdemeanor. Any person previously convicted of a violation shall, upon a subsequent conviction, be punished by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or by both the fine and imprisonment. (CA Health and Safety Code 11100)

PREEMPTION:

 All local ordinances or regulations are preempted that govern the sale by a retail distributor of over-the-counter products containing EPH, PSE, NPSE, and PPA. (CA Health and Safety Code 11100)

WHOLESALER REQUIREMENTS

 Wholesalers must be licensed by the California State Board of Pharmacy, and must report suspicious sales to the Department of Justice. (CA Health and Safety Code 11100)

OTHER:

 Manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, or other persons or entities that are not licensed by the California State Board of Pharmacy <u>and</u> registered with DEA must obtain a permit from the California Department of Justice. However, such permit is not required for entities that conduct sales only for personal use in retail transactions with walk-in customers or in face-to-face transactions. (CA Health and Safety Code 11106)