

Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods (Public Event for Kava Exemption) Declaration 2015 (No 1)*

Notifiable instrument NI2015–231

made under the

Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008, s 864 (Exemption of piper methysticum (kava)—Act, s 190 (1) (a))

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods (Public Event for Kava Exemption) Declaration 2015 (No 1)*.

2 Commencement and expiry

This instrument commences on the day after notification, and expires 6 months after the date of commencement.

3 Declared public event

I declare the Island Night held by the Fiji Australia Association of ACT on 13 June 2015 to be a public event to which the kava exemption applies.

4 Conditions imposed

The following conditions apply to the exemption for the public event:

4.1 Supply of kava

1. Kava is permitted to be served to members of the public at the event.
2. Kava may be served into traditional kava cups (such as those made from coconut shells) however these are not to be shared amongst members of the public.
3. Kava must be served into single use cups where attendees at the event do not provide their own personal cup. Single use cups may not be shared.
4. Kava is only to be supplied and consumed within the Function Room, Level 2 at the Theo Notaris Multicultural Centre.
5. Kava is not to be supplied to persons under the age of eighteen.
6. Kava is only to be supplied for free.

*Name amended under Legislation Act, s 60

7. The supply of kava by sale, or in return for a donation, is not permitted. However, an admission fee to the Island Night does not constitute a sale or donation for the supply of kava.
8. For the purposes of this condition, *sale* includes—
 - (a) barter, offer or attempt to sell; or
 - (b) receive for sale; or
 - (c) have in possession for sale; or
 - (d) display for sale; or
 - (e) cause or permit to be sold or offered for sale; or
 - (f) send, forward or deliver for sale; or
 - (g) dispose of by any method for valuable consideration; or
 - (h) dispose of to an agent for sale on consignment; or
 - (i) dispose of by way of raffle, lottery or other game of chance; or
 - (j) offer as a prize or reward; or
 - (k) give away for the purpose of advertisement or in furtherance of trade or business.

4.2 Locations

1. Kava is only to be supplied and consumed within the Function Room, Level 2 at the Theo Notaris Multicultural Centre, located at 180 London Circuit, Canberra City ACT 2601.

4.3 Dates and times of application

1. Kava may only be prepared, possessed and consumed in association with the Island Night, to be held from 6pm to 11pm 13 June 2015.

4.4 Advertising and signage

1. It is not permitted to advertise or otherwise promote the supply of kava at the Island Night.
2. It is not permitted to have signage for the Island Night that promotes the availability of kava at the event.
3. Clauses 4.4.1 and 4.4.2 do not preclude:
 - (a) information from being provided to the public about the cultural use of kava, for example, information about kava extraction methods, kava ceremonies, or the role that kava plays in Pacific Island culture;
 - (b) information from being provided to the public pertaining to the kava exemption under the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008* and this declaration; and

- (c) in accordance with the customs of the Pacific Islands, an invitation being extended to attendees of the Island Night to participate in a kava ceremony or consume kava.
- 4. For the purposes of this condition, an *advertisement* means writing, sound or a picture, symbol, light or other visible device, object or sign (or a combination of 2 or more of these) that a reasonable person would consider publicises, or otherwise promotes the supply or availability of kava.

4.5 Information for members of the public

- 1. The current version of the ACT Health Information Sheet for kava is to be made available to attendees of at the Island Night whenever kava is being served.
- 2. The information sheet referred to in clause 1 is to be provided in a notice at least A4 in size.
- 3. Clause 4.4 does not preclude information from being displayed about the cultural use of kava, for example, information about kava extraction methods, kava ceremonies, or the role that kava plays in Pacific Island culture.

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Chief Health Officer
25 May 2015