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FDA’s Top Dietary Supplement Official Says Agency Not Practicing Enforcement Discretion on CBD Contradicts Former Director Scott Gottlieb

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) top enforcement official overseeing the dietary supplement industry said that the Agency is not practicing enforcement discretion for CBD products. The comments were made by the Director of the Office of Dietary Supplement Programs Steven Tave during a panel discussion in Washington, DC at the Dietary Supplement Regulatory Summit. Director Tave’s comments contradict testimony last month from then Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, where he stated:

“We’re using enforcement discretion right now. I will take enforcement action against CBD products that are on the market if manufacturers are making what I consider over-the-line claims.”

“The Agency continues to fail to provide a consistent and clear approach to regulating CBD,” said Daniel Fabricant, Ph.D., President and CEO of NPA after the Summit. “The biggest losers in this are American consumers who are interested in this product. Furthermore, the Agency has the authority to set safety levels for CBD, require Adverse Event Reporting, and good manufacturing practices. To date, the FDA has yet to establish what CBD products it considers safe or unsafe. We look forward to getting clarification from the Agency soon on this issue.”

The [Dietary Supplements Regulatory Summit](#) is a one-day regulatory summit in Washington, DC featuring updates and insights from FDA officials—including a panel discussion that included Dr. Daniel Fabricant, Director Tave and industry experts, with a focus on compliance.

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