

Notice: August 1, 2007

**DOH SETTLES WITH MIKOSHI TRADING HAWAII, INC. AND
HEALTHY'S, INC. DBA DOWN TO EARTH NATURAL FOODS
FOR BEVERAGE CONTAINER VIOLATIONS**

The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch has signed and entered into Settlement Agreements with Mikoshi Trading Hawaii, Inc. and Healthy's, Inc., dba Down to Earth Natural Foods for violations of Hawaii's Deposit Beverage Container (DBC) Program. DOH determined the penalty amounts based on the gravity of the DBC violation(s) and considered their potential for harm to the program, extent of deviation from required compliance, and the repeated nature of the violations. Other factors considered were the respondents' willfulness and negligence in their failures to comply.

MIKOSHI TRADING HAWAII, INC (Mikoshi)

Mikoshi has agreed to pay DOH a penalty amount of \$1,679.00 for violations of the deposit beverage distributor requirements. The penalty is currently being paid in eight (8) consecutive monthly increments.

Healthy's, Inc., dba Down to Earth Natural Foods

The DOH assessed a penalty of \$1,359.00 on Down to Earth Natural Foods for deposit beverage container program violations. Following negotiations, DOH agreed to a reduced penalty of \$1,259.00. Down to Earth Natural Foods has paid this penalty in full.

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