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Recent aggressive prosecution by the New York City District Attorney against the sale and carry of one-hand-opening folding knives limits the ability of CRKT[®] to serve New York customers.

Dear Customer,

CRKT[®] regrets that we must inform our customers in New York State that we can no longer issue warranty replacements or repairs for a large and popular group of CRKT folding knives which have been deemed illegal by certain New York City officials.

We will offer customers an equivalent value of any of our other products that meet New York City regulations, as defined later. We will still be able to ship replacement parts, such as screws and clips, into New York.

We are exceptionally sorry for this sudden change in policy, but we must do so immediately for two reasons: 1) Citizens who carry such knives in New York City are now subject to arrest and prosecution; and 2) Retailers located in New York City and those who sell their products into New York City via the internet are being confronted with prosecution, and/or large fines in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. We must protect you, our customers, and ourselves.

That is present reality. We, along with the knife and tool industry and approximately 40 million Americans who carry pocket knives daily, disagree with NYC District Attorney Cyrus Vance's claims, statistics, and position on this issue. Approximately 80% of the knives sold in America today are one-hand openers, and the United States Congress in 2009 clearly defined them as legal and appropriate tools. There is no statistical evidence which links one-hand opening knives with violent crime at a higher rate than common kitchen knives.

While the immediate legal actions against these knives have taken place in New York City proper, they have generated fines of \$1.9 million dollars against NYC retailers in the past year. We are concerned that other New York jurisdictions, seeing this easily-obtainable cash flow, will jump on the bandwagon. Therefore, at the advice of our attorneys, we cannot ship most one hand opening knives to any ZIP code in New York State as well.

The NYC actions effectively limit the retail sale of most of the popular knives in our catalog. These include most knives with thumb stud opening, such as the Drifter[™]; any knife with an oval blade hole, such as the Thunderbolt[™] and Pazoda[™]; any knife with a blade tang extension or flipper such as the M16[®], M21[™], Premonition[™], or Zilla-Tool[®]; and any knife with legal federally-defined assisted opening, such as the My Tighe[™], Ignitor[®], Lift Off[®], The Natural[®], M4[™], and Badger[™].

Folding knives which we believe to meet New York City regulations for in-pocket carry include knives with two-handed opening via a nail nick on the blade, such as our K.I.S.S.[®], Fulcrum[™], Lake 111[™] and Bandera[®], Pocket Classics, Tribute[™], Guppie[®], Snap Lock[™], and Slip K.I.S.S.[®] (please see the attachment for a full list).

CRKT fixed blade knives are not limited or prohibited under the New York City action at this time, although concealed carry of them may be considered an offense.

CRKT was built on exceptional service to our customers, and we are sorry for this interruption to our New York customers. We recommend that you contact your federal, state, and local elected officials and express your views.

For more detailed information on the status of the New York City actions, please visit www.kniferights.org.

Sincerely,

CRKT Warranty Department