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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

Advisory	Recall of INDY Mini Dedos Spicy and Sour Candies
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INCIDENT

- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) today warned consumers not to eat INDY Mini Dedos Spicy and Sour candies imported from Mexico after tests by CDPH found levels of lead that could cause health problems. Eating lead-contaminated candy is particularly harmful to infants, young children and pregnant women.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTION

- Because of the CDPH warning issued August 31, 2007 for these same candies, Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Staff has been consistently surveying typical retail outlets during routine scheduled inspections for these recalled candies imported from Mexico. We will also be conducting special visits to these same retail markets because of this most recent recall to make certain that the recalled products have been pulled from sales shelves.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Santa Cruz County Environmental Division is warning consumers not to eat the recalled brands of Mexican candy they may still have in their homes. Consumers in possession of these candies should dispose of them. Pregnant women and parents of children who may have consumed INDY Mini Dedos spicy and sour candy should consult their physician or health care provider to determine if medical testing is needed. Consumers who find INDY Dedos Spicy and Sour candies for sale are encouraged to call the CDPH Complaint Hotline at 1-800-495-3232 or Environmental Health at (831) 454-2022.

INFORMATION

- INDY Dedos Spicy and Sour candies were distributed by T.J. Candy of Montebello, which has initiated a voluntary recall of the products and is working with CDPH to ensure that all products in commerce are promptly removed. CDPH is working to identify other California distributors that might sell these products.



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INDY Mini Dedos Spicy and Sour candy is a small, reddish brown candy, weighing approximately eight grams and packaged in a clear plastic bag containing 50 individually wrapped pieces of candy. The bulk wrapper contains a circular yellow sticker with the name “Indy MINI Dedos Dulce Acidulado y Picosito” printed in the center of the label. The individual candy wrappers are printed with the name “INDY MINI Dedos” in large yellow letters on a pinkish background and contain a picture of a brown fox wearing a brown hat. Near the bottom of the label, the words “Dulce Acidulado y Picosito Spicy and Sour Candy” are printed in yellow.

- Photos of these candies are available at www.cdph.ca.gov <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/>
- For more information about lead poisoning, consumers are advised to contact their local childhood lead poisoning prevention program or public health department.
- www.santacruzhealth.org/alerts for informational updates and other alerts