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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

Advisory	Recall of Chaca Chaca Chacatrozo candy
Principal Investigator:	Jerry LeMoine
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INCIDENT

- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) today warned consumers not to eat Chaca Chaca Chacatrozo candy imported from Mexico after tests by CDPH found levels of lead that could cause health problems. CDPH is working to identify distributors of Chaca Chaca Chacatrozo to ensure it is promptly removed from retail sale. Eating lead-contaminated candy is particularly harmful to infants, young children and pregnant women.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTION

- Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Staff will be monitoring retail stores for the recalled products during regular inspections to ensure these recalled products are not being sold in Santa Cruz County.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

INFORMATION

- Chaca Chaca Chacatrozo is a fruit pulp candy coated with a brownish-red colored salt and chili powder and is packaged in a clear plastic bag containing ten 50 grams individual candies. The net weight of the bag is 500 grams. The word "Chacatorzo" is printed at the top and bottom of the bag in white print outlined in blue. The front of the bag contains a white circle with a picture of a red locomotive. The words "Chaca Chaca" are printed in yellow across the locomotive.
- Recent analysis by CDPH determined that Chaca Chaca Chacatrozo candy contained as much as 0.30 parts per million (ppm) of lead. California considers such products with lead levels in excess of 0.10 ppm to be contaminated.
- Photos of Chaca Chaca Chacatrozo candy packaging are available at www.cdph.ca.gov



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