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HEALTH ADVISORY

Lead Tainted Candy

The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services is warning consumers about the following products, because the candies, clay pots, or wrappers may contain lead. Between 1993 and 2004 the California Department of Health Services has issued eight public health advisories warning consumers of high levels of lead in the following listed candies:

Picarindo (Tamarind candy)	Bolirindo - Dulmex brand
Vero Rebanaditas	Dulce de Tamarindo- Margarita brand
Vero Mango	Licona Tamarind
Vero Elotes	Jarrita Chonita -Tejocote
Chaca Chaca (Chili and apple pulp candy)	Storck Eucalyptus (candy from the Philippines)
Brinquitos (Chili candy)	Lucas Acidito - Lucas Limon - Super Lucas
Tama Roca	Serpentinas
Pelon Pelo Rico	Tablarindo

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommends that children under age 7 should not consume more than 6.0 micrograms of lead from all food sources daily. Consumption of excessively high levels of lead is toxic to humans, especially infants, children, and pregnant women. Lead can also permanently damage the central nervous system, resulting in learning disabilities, behavioral disorders, and other long-term health problems. Testing by the FDA has shown that these candies, candy-wrappers, and clay pots used to package may contain high levels of dangerous lead.

For more information about these candies, please call Los Angeles County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 1-800-LA-4-LEAD. You can also contact the Environmental Health Division by calling the 24 hour hotline at 1(888) 700-9995 or email at eh@ladhs.org. Consumer complaints can also be reported at our website at www.lapublichealth.org/eh.