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## PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

<b>Advisory</b>	Recall of Barrilito and Miguelito Candies
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### INCIDENT

- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) today warned consumers not to eat Barrilito and Miguelito 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

- Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Staff are contacting retail stores that may have the product to verify that the recalled product was pulled from shelves.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Santa Cruz County Environmental Health 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. Consumers who find Miguelito or Barrilito candies for sale are encouraged to call the CDPH Complaint Hotline at 1-800-495-3232 or Environmental Health at (831) 454-2022

### INFORMATION

- Barrilito and Miguelito candies were distributed by TJ Candy Corp. 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.

Barrilito is a thick, dark brown syrup packaged in a clear glass jar with a white plastic cover and a small attached plastic spoon. Individual jars of Barrilito contain 100 grams or 3.3 ounces of candy. The label has a yellow background with the name "Barrilito" in yellow with red borders. The label also has a character picture of a brown barrel with a white smile, white hands and eyes and brown shoes. The glass jar measures about three and a half inches in height and is about an inch and a half around.



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Miguelito candy is a reddish-orange powder containing a mixture of salt and sugar. The candy is packaged in a clear plastic packet containing 1.7 ounce. The clear plastic packet measures at two inches wide by two and a half inches long. The plastic packet is printed with the name Miguelito in large blue letters with a white background with a blue and white cupid holding a bow and arrow. There is a small circle with the letters “MR” placed under the product name. The words “Azucar Salada Enchilada Y Acidulada” appear in blue letters above the word Miguelito.

Pregnant women and parents of children who may have consumed Miguelito or Barrilito candy should consult their physician or health care provider to determine if medical testing is needed. For more information about lead poisoning, consumers are advised to contact their local childhood lead poisoning prevention program or public health department. .

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