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Advisory	Recall of Dulces Yosi MEGAPACK Chewing Gum
Principal Investigator:	Jerry LeMoine
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INCIDENT

- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) today warned consumers not to chew the gum included as part of the Dulces Yosi 'MEGAPACK', which is imported from Mexico, after tests by CDPH found levels of lead that could cause health problems. The MEGAPACK product was distributed by Surtido Divertido in Whittier, California. Surtido Divertido is initiating a recall of the product and CDPH is working with the firm to ensure that the MEGAPACK product is promptly removed from retail sale.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTION

- Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Staff will be monitoring retail stores for the recalled products during routine 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 chew the Dulces Yosi MEGAPACK chewing gum. Consumers in possession of Dulces Yosi MEGAPACK should discard the gum. Pregnant women and parents of children who may have consumed this gum 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

- Dulces Yosi MEGAPACK is packaged in a clear plastic bag which contains various types of colored toys. Some of the toys contain multi-colored pieces of bubble gum. The package is approximately 17 inches long by 11 ½ inches wide and has a colorful label which has the wording MEGAPACK in yellow with a pinkish border, and states that it contains 48 pieces.
- Recent analysis by CDPH determined that the gum inside the Dulces Yosi MEGAPACK, contained as much as 0.58 parts per million (ppm) of lead. California considers such products with lead levels in excess of 0.10 ppm to be contaminated.
- Photos of Dulces Yosi MEGAPACK are available at www.cdph.ca.gov



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