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CDPH WARNS CONSUMERS NOT TO EAT
DULCES BENY MEGA PINTA LABIOS CANDY

SACRAMENTO – Dr. Mark Horton, director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), today warned consumers not to eat Dulces Beny Mega Pinta Labios Candy imported from Mexico after tests by CDPH found unacceptable levels of lead. The candy should be discarded immediately.

Dulces Beny Mega Pinta Labios Candy is manufactured by Dulces Topi, S.A. DE C.V. in Mexico. CDPH is currently working to identify the distributor and ensure that the contaminated candies are removed from the market place.

Dulces Beny Mega Pinta Labios Candy is wrapped in a bright red, 25 gram package. The word Mega appears in blue. The words Pinta Labios appear in red. The package contains characters of a boy and a girl reaching for the candy, which is shaped as three red hearts on a white stick. The candy wrapper describes the candy as “artificial flavor hard candy lollipops with Chilli and Salt.”

Recent analysis of this candy by CDPH determined that Dulces Beny Mega Pinta Labios Candy contained as much as 0.12 parts per million (ppm) of lead. California considers candies with lead levels in excess of 0.10 ppm to be contaminated.

Pregnant women and parents of children who may have consumed this candy should consult their physician or health care provider to determine if medical testing is needed.

Consumers who find Dulces Beny Mega Pinta Labios Candy for sale are encouraged to call the CDPH Hotline at 1-800-495-3232.

For more information about lead poisoning, contact your county childhood lead poisoning prevention program or public health department. Additional information and a list of local childhood lead prevention programs is available at http://www.cdph.ca.gov/healthinfo/discond/Pages/CLPPBChildrenAtRisk.aspx

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