SACRAMENTO – Dr. Mark Horton, director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), today warned consumers not to eat Chulada Saladitos C/Chile (Salted Plums W/Chili) after tests by CDPH found unacceptable levels of lead. Consumers in possession of the product should discard it immediately.

Chulada Saladitos C/Chile (Salted Plums W/Chili) is packed and distributed by Chulada, Inc., located in Burbank. CDPH is currently working with the distributor to ensure that the contaminated product is removed from the market place.

Chulada Saladitos C/Chile (Salted Plums W/Chili) is sold in 1 ounce, clear plastic bags containing approximately 15 individual plums covered with chili powder. The front of the plastic bag includes a green, white and red label containing the product name, Chulada, and Spices, Herbs & Snacks. Recent analysis of this candy by CDPH determined that Chulada Saladitos C/Chile (Salted Plums W/Chili) contained as much as 1.4 micrograms per gram (parts per million (ppm)) of lead. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has recommended that children under age 6 should consume on average no more than 6.0 micrograms of lead each day from all food sources. A young child eating this product would likely ingest more than their tolerable daily intake for lead.

Pregnant women and parents of children who may have consumed this product should consult a physician or health care provider.

Consumers who find Chulada Saladitos C/Chile (Salted Plums W/Chili) 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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