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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WARNS CONSUMERS NOT TO CHEW THE GUM CONTAINED IN DULCES YOSI MEGAPACK IMPORTED FROM MEXICO

SACRAMENTO – Dr. Mark Horton, director of 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.

“Lead exposure can be harmful, especially for infants, young children and pregnant women,” Horton said. “Today’s warning is part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety of foods sold in California.”

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.

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.

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.

For more information about lead poisoning, consumers are advised to contact their local 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>

Consumers who find Dulces Yosi MEGAPACK for sale are encouraged to call the CDPH Complaint Hotline at 1-800-495-3232.

Photos of Dulces Yosi MEGAPACK are available at www.cdph.ca.gov

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