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EHS Circular Letter 2013-47

TO: Directors of Health
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FROM: Krista Veneziano, Epidemiologist, Lead Program

DATE: August 7, 2013

SUBJECT: Evershing International Trading Inc. Announces Recall of Ginger Candy

Please see the attached product recall issued by FDA. Evershing International Trading, Inc. of San Jose, CA is recalling all Ginger Candy it received from Lucky Shing Company due to elevated levels of lead. The Ginger Candy being recalled is slices of dehydrated ginger coated in sugar. The label reads "Mut Gung Non, Ginger Candy." The product was sold in 8 ounce sealed plastic pouches, and 12 ounce sealed shrink wrapped plastic tubs. (See below for product pictures.) Ginger Candy is imported from Vietnam.

Evershing International Trading, Inc. learned on July 30, 2013 from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), that the Ginger Candy contains high levels of lead. Recent analysis of the Ginger Candy by CDPH found that the product contained lead levels as high as 0.12 parts per million (ppm). This concentration of lead could provide up to 10.21 micrograms of lead per serving and children under 6 years of age should not consume more than 6.0 micrograms of lead per day from all dietary sources.

To be directed to the recall announcement on the FDA website click on the link below:
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm364133.htm?source=govdelivery>

Please see the recall notice for specific information for consumers and contact information for the company. You may also contact the CT Department of Public Health Lead Poisoning Prevention & Control Program at 860-509-7299.

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Evershing International Trading Inc. Announces Recall of Ginger Candy

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - August 2, 2013 - Evershing International Trading, Inc. of San Jose, CA is recalling all Ginger Candy it received from Lucky Shing Company due to elevated levels of lead. Ginger Candy is imported from Vietnam.

Evershing International Trading, Inc. learned on July 30, 2013 from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), that the Ginger Candy contains high levels of lead that could cause health problems to consumers, particularly infants, small children, and pregnant women. Evershing International Trading, Inc. immediately segregated its entire Ginger Candy inventory and is notifying consumers and customers not to consume this product.

The Ginger Candy being recalled is slices of dehydrated ginger coated in sugar. The label reads "Mut Gung Non, Ginger Candy." The product was sold in 8 ounce sealed plastic pouches, and 12 ounce sealed shrink wrapped plastic tubs. The label contains red, black, and green lettering. Ingredient statement list: ginger, sugar, and water. Contact information on the label reads P. By: E.T.I, San Jose, Ca. A green coconut tree appears on the top of the label above the words "Coconut Tree Brand".

Recent analysis of the Ginger Candy by CDPH found that the product contained lead levels as high as 0.12 parts per million (ppm). This concentration of lead could provide up to 10.21 micrograms of lead per serving and children under 6 years of age should not consume more than 6.0 micrograms of lead per day from all dietary sources. Therefore, sale of this Ginger Candy is prohibited in the State of California.

Evershing International Trading, Inc. wants to ensure its products are safe. Consequently, in addition to its ongoing cooperation with the CDPH, Evershing International Trading, Inc. is voluntarily recalling all Ginger Candy from all of its customers. Consumers in possession of Ginger Candy should not eat the product and should return the product to the place of purchase.

Pregnant women and parents of children who may have consumed any Ginger Candy should consult with their physician or health care provider to determine whether further medical testing is required. For more information about lead poisoning, parents and caretakers should contact their local childhood lead poisoning prevention program or local public health department.

Evershing International Trading, Inc. will be sending recall notices to all of its direct customers. Please call Alanna Hua at (408) 975-9660 for further information.

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