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CDPH Warns Consumers Not to Eat Certain Candies from Pakistan and India

SACRAMENTO – Dr. Ron Chapman, director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and state public health officer, today warned consumers not to eat three candies, after tests conducted by CDPH found that all three exceed state standards for lead. The candies are:

- Chef's Pride Rewadi Candy imported from Pakistan
- Shah's Deer Brand Revdi (Sesame Candy) imported from India
- Shah's Deer Brand Revdi (Gud) (Sesame Candy) imported from India

The companies are voluntarily recalling these products. Consumers in possession of these candies should discard them immediately.

Chef's Pride Rewadi Candy was distributed by R&R Importers in Montclair, California. The two Shah's Deer Brand candies were distributed by Shah Distributors, Inc., in Gardena, California.



Recent chemical analysis by CDPH showed Chef's Pride Rewadi Candy, Shah's Deer Brand Revdi (Sesame Candy) and Shah's Deer Brand Revdi (Gud) (Sesame Candy) contained as much as 0.12, 0.40, and 0.35 parts per million of lead, respectively. California considers candies with lead levels in excess of 0.10 parts per million to be contaminated.

Chef's Pride Rewadi Candy is packaged in a 7 oz. semi-round, clear plastic container with a red twist-off lid. The front label is light brown with a green border. "Chef's Pride Rewadi Candy" appears in the center of the label. The oval-shaped candy is light brown and coated with sesame seeds.

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Shah's Deer Brand Revdi (Sesame Candy) and Shah's Deer Brand Revdi (Gud) (Sesame Candy) are packaged in 14 oz. clear plastic bags. Near the top of the package is an orange circle containing a white deer. "Shah's Deer Brand" is written above the circle.

The specific candy name appears in a gold rectangle below the circle. Both candies are oval-shaped, light brown and coated with sesame seeds.



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

Anyone finding this candy for sale should call the CDPH Complaint Hotline at (800) 495-3232. More information is available on the [CDPH Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Page](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Imz/Lead/Pages/ChildhoodLeadPoisoningPrevention.aspx).

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