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### **Lucky Country, Inc. Recalling Lead-Contaminated Black Licorice Products**

**BALTIMORE, MD (September 10, 2008)** — The Baltimore City Health Department would like to inform City residents of a recent recall from Lucky Country, Inc. Lucky Country has recalled all of its natural black licorice products due to elevated levels of lead. These products have been shipped to neighboring states and may have been distributed in Maryland.

The Baltimore City Health Department urges its citizens to check to see whether they have these products. Found products are to be discarded or returned to the store or distributor from which the items were purchased.

Lead is a neurotoxin that can cause severe illness and even death at high doses and cognitive impairment and other neurological problems at lower doses. Children under 6 and pregnant women are at the greatest risk for lead poisoning. Pregnant women and parents of children who may have consumed this candy should consult their physician or other health care provider to determine if medical testing is needed.

Lucky Country, Inc. can be contacted for questions at 828-428-8313 during regular business hours, EST, or via email at [customerservice@lucky-country.com](mailto:customerservice@lucky-country.com)



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