

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT**

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

**TITLE 27. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION 4. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD
ASSESSMENT
CHAPTER 3. NATURALLY OCCURRING LEAD IN CANDY
§ 28500. NATURALLY OCCURRING LEVELS OF LEAD IN CANDY**

OCTOBER 25, 2021

On September 22, 2021, the Office of Administrative Law approved amendments to Title 27, California Code of Regulations, section 28500. This rulemaking adds a new chapter and section to Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations: Chapter 3: Naturally Occurring Lead in Candy, section 28500. The new section establishes a “naturally occurring level” of 0.02 ppm (parts per million) for lead in candies flavored with chili and/or tamarind. Health and Safety Code Section 110552 required OEHHA to adopt this regulation.

To facilitate compliance, **the effective date of the regulation has been delayed to September 22, 2022**, which is one year from the date of adoption of the regulation.

The regulatory text and the supporting rulemaking documents are available at the following links:

Link Final Regulatory Text

Link Final Statement of Reasons

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