

**NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL
1314 SECOND STREET
SANTA MONICA, CA 90401**

MAY 13, 2004

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND
TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986
(California Health and Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq.*)**

TO THE NOTICED PARTIES LISTED BELOW:

**ARCO IRIS, S.A. DE C.V.
ARCOR, S.A.I.C.
DISTRIBUIDORA DE LA ROSA, S.A. DE C.V.
DULCES DE LA ROSA, S.A. DE C.V.
DISTRIBUIDORA LA BARCA, S.A. DE C.V.
ROYAL CROWN ENTERPRISES, INC.
TRIUNFO-MEX, INC.
TUTSI, S.A. DE C.V.**

First Class Mail-Proof of Service Attached

TO THE PARTIES LISTED ON THE
ATTACHED DISTRIBUTION LISTS

Re: Mexican and "Mexican-Style" Candies

Dear Sir or Madam:

Natural Resources Defense Council ("NRDC" or the "Noticing Party") serves this Notice of Violation ("Notice") individually upon each company set forth above (hereinafter together "the Companies") pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code ("H&S Code") § 25249.7(d) and 22 California Code of Regulations ("CCR") § 12903. This Notice satisfies a prerequisite for the Noticing Party to commence an action against the Companies to enforce the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (California H&S Code §25249.5 *et seq.* On information and belief, the violations addressed by this Notice occur in every county and city in California. This Notice is being served upon each violator, the California Attorney General, the district attorney of every California county and the city attorney of every California city with a population (according to the most recent decennial census) of over 750,000. If the Companies have a current registration with the California Secretary of State that identifies a Chief Executive Officer, President, or General Counsel, this Notice is being addressed to, and served upon, one of those persons.

Attached as Exhibit A to this Notice is a copy of "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary." The attached Summary was prepared by the California Environmental Protection Agency and provides general information about the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986. Copies of the Summary are not required to be, and are not being, provided to the public enforcement agencies.

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A description of the Noticing Party, the Alleged Violator, and the Alleged Violations Addressed by this Notice follows:

- ◆ The Natural Resources Defense Council provides this Notice. Natural Resources Defense Council (hereinafter “NRDC”), has offices in Santa Monica, San Francisco, New York and Washington, D.C., and is registered as a New York corporation with the office of the California Secretary of State, with over 500,000 members nationally, including over 100,000 in California. NRDC is acting in the public interest pursuant to H&S Code § 25249.7(d), and is dedicated to protecting the environment; improving human health and supporting environmentally sound practices.
- ◆ The violators’ names and addresses are:

Arco Iris, S.A. de C.V. Calle El Verde 1860 45070 Guadalajara, JAL MEXICO	Dulces De La Rosa, S.A. de C.V. Sinaloa 1550 A 44260 Guadalajara, JAL MEXICO	Distribuidora De La Rosa, S.A. de C.V. Periférico Sur. No. 7599-A Santa Maria Tequepexpan 45600 Tlaquepaque, JAL MEXICO
Arcor, S.A.I.C. San Lorenzo 2108 5800 Rio Cuarto, CORDOBA ARGENTINA	Distribuidora La Barca, S.A. de C.V. Carr El Verde 1860 45070 Guadalajara, JAL MEXICO	Tutsi, S.A. de C.V. Av Américas Nº 915-12 44630 Guadalajara, JAL MEXICO
Royal Crown Enterprises, Inc. 780 Epperson Drive City of Industry, CA 91748	Triunfo-Mex, Inc. 13886 Nelson Avenue City of Industry, CA 91746	Triunfo-Mex, Inc. 910 S. Stimson Avenue City of Industry, CA 91745

- ◆ The violations addressed by this Notice began on or after February 27, 1988, have occurred on numerous occasions each and every day since February 27, 1988, and are ongoing and continuing.
- ◆ This Notice of Violation covers the “warning provision” of Proposition 65, which is found at H&S Code § 25249.6.
- ◆ The names of each chemical that is listed pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 involved in the violations addressed by this Notice are Lead (listed as a reproductive toxin); and Lead and lead compounds (listed as a carcinogen) (collectively the “Listed Chemicals”). The Listed Chemicals are listed (and have been so listed for more than twelve months) by the Governor of the State of California as being a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity, or both cancer and reproductive toxicity. See Exhibit B attached hereto.
- ◆ The routes of exposure for the violations addressed by this Notice are ingestion and/or dermal due to direct contact with the skin.
- ◆ The type of consumer products causing the exposures addressed by this Notice are (1) Mexican and “Mexican-style” candy products; and (2) candy product wrappers or containers associated with these candy products (together “Products”), including but not limited to the following illustrative Products:

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TABEL A
Arco Iris Tamarind
Arcor Frutilla
De La Rosa Paleta
Duvalin
Pulparindo
Pulpitas
Serpentinas
Tutsi Pop
Vagabundo con Chile
Vagabundo Extremo

- ◆ There are numerous sources of the exposures addressed in this Notice. On information and belief, these exposures occur in homes, the workplace and everywhere else in California where these Products are consumed. These exposures occur principally off the respective properties of the Noticed Companies.
- ◆ In the course of doing business, the Companies knowingly and intentionally have exposed, and continue to expose, individuals (especially children and pregnant and post-partum women) to the Listed Chemicals in these Products. No clear and reasonable warning is or has been provided by the Companies to individuals regarding this exposure to the Listed Chemicals in their Products, or regarding the fact that the Listed Chemicals are known to the State of California to be a carcinogen and/or a reproductive toxin.
- ◆ These exposures are ongoing and continuing, with some continuing from 1988. NRDC believes and so alleges that each Company has tolled any applicable statute of limitations by failing at any time in the past to disclose the presence of the Listed Chemicals in their Products to those persons that required a warning when they purchased the Products in the stores where the Companies' Products are sold for consumer use in California. The labels on these Products do not include any warning that would meet the definition set forth at 22 CCR § 12601(b)(1)(A) or comply with 22 CCR § 12601(b)(3) and (b)(4)(B).
- ◆ The chemicals contained in the ingredients of the Products, and subject to the warning requirements of H&S Code §25249.6 and more specifically 22 CCR § 12601(b) *et seq.*, are listed below:
 1. Lead (listed as a reproductive toxin)
 2. Lead and lead compounds (listed as a carcinogen)

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- ◆ The aforementioned carcinogen and reproductive toxins are on the Governor's list ("Prop 65 List") as set forth at 22 CCR § 12000. These chemicals are known to the State of California to cause carcinogenic and/or reproductive toxicity harm to humans requiring special warning labels and care in handling and use. The concentrations of these toxins in the Products require a warning of the existence of this chemical danger by the Product's manufacturer, distributor and retailer.
- ◆ The principal route of exposure is through a "consumer products exposure" via dermal contact and/or ingestion. These exposures have gone on since February 27, 1988, and are ongoing and continuing at every place in California that the Products listed in TABLE A are offered for sale and use. All references to "exposure" in this notice shall be understood to be exposures to the Products, including but not limited to the specific Product brands in said TABLE and the ingredients of those Products. The sale of these Products constitutes a transfer of a known reproductive and/or carcinogenic chemical to the purchaser as well as the ultimate consuming individual from the normal use of the Products, causing the exposure to occur without a clear and reasonable warning regarding the Listed Chemicals.
- ◆ The location of these alleged exposures are many and varied, and on information and belief occur within the 58 counties of the state of California, as evidenced by the District Attorneys addressed in the enclosed distribution list. NRDC believes and so alleges that at least one of each Companies' Products were sold within each county by the Companies' wholesale or retail distributor, and that sale caused the utilization of the Products and consumption and subsequent exposure. This purchase and consumption caused exposures in that jurisdiction to the Listed Chemicals in the Products as identified herein, and those exposures by the Companies were allowed to take place without the prerequisite warnings as delineated by the applicable statutes specified in this notice.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this notice or any communication with the responsible party to Joel R. Reynolds, Esq., for the noticing entity, Natural Resources Defense Council, in care of:

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The Carrick Law Group, P.C.
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Los Angeles, CA 90071
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EXHIBIT B

List Of Chemicals Contained In The Attached 60-Day Notice of Violation That Are Listed By The Governor Of The State Of California As Being Known To The State Of California To Cause Cancer Or Reproductive Toxicity

REPRODUCTIVE TOXINS

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>CAS No.</u>	<u>Date Added to List</u>
Lead	---	February 27, 1987

CARCINOGENS

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>CAS No.</u>	<u>Date Added to List</u>
Lead and lead compounds	---	October 1, 1992

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.7(d)

- **LEAD**

- **LEAD AND LEAD COMPOUNDS**

I, Roger Lane Carrick, on behalf of Natural Resources Defense Council hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged that the parties identified in the notices have violated California Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

2. I am the attorney for the noticing party.

3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical(s) that is the subject of this action.

4. Based upon the information obtained through those consultations, and all other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all the elements of the plaintiffs' case can be established and the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.

5. The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and safety Code section 24249.7(h)(2), *i.e.*, (1) the identity of the person consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Date: May 13, 2004

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this case. I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. My business address is 350 S. Grand Avenue, Suite 2930, Los Angeles, CA 90071-3406.

On May 13, 2004, I served copies of the documents listed immediately hereafter by first class mail by placing same in sealed envelopes, with postage fully prepaid thereon, and depositing said envelopes in the U.S. Mail at Los Angeles, California. Said envelopes were addressed as follows:

SEE ATTACHED DISTRIBUTION LISTS

Documents mailed:

1. **NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (California Health and Safety Code §25249.5 et seq.)**
2. **Exhibit A - THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY (Government Entities excluded)**
3. **Exhibit B - Details of Relevant Proposition 65 Chemical Listing**
4. **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT – (attachments only sent to California Attorney General's Office)**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on May 13, 2004, at Los Angeles, California.

DISTRIBUTION LIST – NOTICED PARTIES (DOMESTIC)

VIA FIRST CLASS U.S. MAIL – Documents Mailed:

- (1) 60-Day Notice of Violation; (2) Exhibit A - Summary of Prop. 65;
(3) Exhibit B - Details of Relevant Proposition 65 Chemical Listing;
(4) Certificate of Merit; and (5) Certificate of Service**

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Marina del Rey, CA 90292

**On behalf of:
Triunfo-Mex, Inc..**

DISTRIBUTION LIST – NOTICED PARTIES (INTERNATIONAL)

VIA INTERNATIONAL AIRMAIL – Documents Mailed:

- (1) 60-Day Notice of Violation; (2) Exhibit A - Summary of Prop. 65;
(3) Exhibit B - Details of Relevant Proposition 65 Chemical Listing;
(4) Certificate of Merit; and (5) Certificate of Service**

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DISTRIBUTION LIST – GOVERNMENT ENTITIES
VIA FIRST CLASS U.S. MAIL - Documents Mailed:
(1) 60-Day Notice of Violation; (2) Exhibit B - Details of Relevant
Proposition 65 Chemical Listing; (3) Certificate of Merit (w/atts. AG's office only);
and (4) Certificate of Service

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