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**DEC is warning the public not to eat certain  
Lucky Country Black Licorice Products**  
*Health Risk: Possible Lead Contamination*

DEC is warning the public not to eat Lucky Country Black Licorice Products due to elevated levels of lead. This product has been found in Alaska and pulled from retailer's shelves. No illnesses have been reported.

Specific products include: Lucky Country Aussie Style Soft Gourmet Licorice Black (All Natural) in 6 oz., 1.5 lb. and 3 lb. bags, and in 1 lb tubs. Consumers are advised to check to see if they have this product in their possession and should either dispose of it or return it to their retail outlet for a refund.

Lead poisoning may have no symptoms, but symptoms can include headaches, stomach cramps, fatigue, memory loss, high blood pressure, and seizures. Lead poisoning in children has been linked to learning disabilities and developmental delays. If you have experienced any of these symptoms and have consumed this product, seek the help of a medical professional.

Link to the Corporate Press Release though FDA at  
[http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/luckycountry08\\_08.html](http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/luckycountry08_08.html)

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<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/fss/recalls/recallsalerts.htm>

