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BACKGROUND:

Some ceramic foodwares have been found to leach significant quantities of lead from potential food contact surfaces. The metal is extractable by foods and can cause a wide variety of adverse health effects including the traditional effects of chronic lead poisoning under continued food use.

REGULATORY ACTION GUIDANCE:

The following represents the criteria that should be considered in deciding whether to recommend legal action or to detain imports to the CFSAN/Office of *Compliance*/Division of Enforcement (HFS-605).

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