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Date	Product	Message
January 3, 1994	Crayons & Chalk	<p>Children's crayons and chalk containing hazardous lead are being seized by the U.S. Customs Service and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) in an operation dubbed "Dead Lead." Most of the illegal shipments, which originated in the Far East, were seized at the Los Angeles Seaport before the Christmas shopping season.</p> <p>During fiscal year 1993, Customs made 18 seizures of children's crayons and chalk, the majority of which contained hazardous amounts of lead, or 569,169 retail packages, for a total domestic value of \$370,799. The Port of Los Angeles accounted for 15 of the seizures; Baltimore, two; and Tampa, one. Several of these shipments were seized because of failure to be labeled appropriately under the art material amendments to the Federal Hazardous Substances Act.</p> <p><a href="http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml94/94021.html">http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml94/94021.html</a></p> <p>No pictures available.</p>