



# LEAD IS STILL PRESENT IN EVERYDAY CONSUMER PRODUCTS AROUND THE WORLD

INFORMATION FROM THE STUDY RAPID MARKET SCREENING TO ASSESS LEAD CONCENTRATIONS IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS ACROSS 25 LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES.



HANDMADE METAL UTENSILS: MORE THAN HALF EXCEEDED 100 PPM. MANY WERE MADE WITH RECYCLED ALUMINUM FROM ENGINES OR RADIATORS, MAKING THEM A SERIOUS SOURCE OF LEAD EXPOSURE.




PAINTS: 41% OF NEW PAINTS EXCEEDED THE LIMIT, EVEN IN COUNTRIES WHERE CONTROL REGULATIONS ALREADY EXIST.




**PURE  
EARTH  
MEXICO**


TRADITIONAL MEDICINES: IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES, HERBAL PRODUCTS WERE FOUND TO CONTAIN LEAD LEVELS ABOVE PERMITTED LIMITS.



CERAMICS: 45% OF SAMPLES EXCEEDED THE LIMIT; MEXICO IS AMONG THE COUNTRIES WITH HIGH LEVELS.



TRADITIONAL COSMETICS: SOME CONTAINED UP TO 1,000,000 PPM OF LEAD, EQUIVALENT TO 100% OF THEIR COMPOSITION.



SPICES: ALTHOUGH ONLY 2% EXCEEDED THE LIMIT, THE MOST CONTAMINATED WERE TURMERIC AND COMMERCIAL SPICE BLENDS.

