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## **48,000 Cans Of Fruit Juice Recalled By U.S. Distributor**

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On Aug. 29, Festin Foods Corp. in Carlsbad, Calif., announced that the company had recalled 48,000 cans of fruit juice imported from Mexico because of concerns the juice may have been contaminated by lead from soldered seams on the cans. The recall involves 12-oz. cans of "Valle Juice" and "Nectar" juice. The juice comes in nine flavors: apple, peach, guava, pineapple papaya, plain pineapple, plain papaya, pear, peach, mango, and apricot. Festin spokesperson Rhonda Reeder said the company quit distributing the cans at year-end 1991. She said another company's recall of a similar product prompted Festin's recall move, although no illnesses have thus far been reported from Festin-distributed cans of the assorted juices. On Aug. 19, Vilore Foods Co. of Laredo, Texas, recalled Jumex brand juice imported from Mexico. The Jumex product, packaged in similar cans, was believed to be contaminated with lead. That recall was issued after a child in San Diego developed lead poisoning, apparently after drinking several cans of Jumex daily over an unspecified period of time. Lead can damage the brain and nervous system, and is especially harmful to children. (Source: Associated Press, 08/29/92)

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