

**Mercury, Lead In Chilli Sauce Sold At KR1M Is Permitted Level - Health Ministry
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 8 (Bernama) -- Mercury and lead levels in chili sauce sold at the 1Malaysia People's Shop (KR1M) is the permitted level under the Food Regulations 1985.

According to a statement issued by the Health Ministry, the results were obtained from an analysis performed on samples of sauces sold at the KR1M after complaints from the Malaysian Consumer Associations.

The sampling was done after a news portal reported that the Malaysian Consumer Association had claimed that their research showed that the sauce contained high levels of heavy metals.

"The Health Ministry has also been carrying out continuous monitoring of chili sauce in the local market. From 2004 until October 2011, a total of 50 chili samples were analyzed for metal, lead and cadmium," said the statement.

According to the statement, the ministry had always given priority to health matters and will not compromise on food safety.

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