COUNCIL RESOLUTION of 18 June 1992  
on the marketing of breast-milk substitutes in third countries by Community-based  
manufacturers (92/C 172/01)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
formulae intended for export to third countries (1) renders applicable to such products a certain  
number of Community provisions relating to the composition and the labelling of infant  
formulae and follow-on formulae;
Whereas in May 1981 the 34th World Health Assembly adopted as a recommendation the  
International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes;
Whereas a considerable volume of these products is sold to third countries by Community-based  
manufacturers;
Whereas it is considered very important that marketing practices in third countries should not  
discourage mothers from breastfeeding;
Whereas the application of the International Code provides without doubt an excellent way to  
achieve this in these countries;
Whereas the Community cannot legislate for these countries; whereas it is nevertheless necessary  
to encourage compliance with the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes  
when these products are placed on sale in export markets, in so far as this does not conflict with  
the provisions in force in the countries concerned;
Whereas the Community can offer an effective support to the competent authorities of these  
countries in their efforts to apply the International Code in their territory,
HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

1. The Community will contribute to the application of appropriate marketing practices for  
breast-milk substitutes in third countries.

2. For the implementation of point 1, the Commission will instruct its delegations in third  
countries to serve as contact points for the competent authorities. Any complaints or criticisms  
with respect to the marketing practices of a manufacturer based in the Community could be  
notified to them.

3. The Commission will be ready to examine such cases and to assist in the search for a  
satisfactory solution for all parties concerned.

4. This resolution will be communicated by the Commission to the countries concerned through  
the official channels.

5. The Commission will forward to the European Parliament and to the Council every two years  
a report on the results of the application of this resolution.