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Priority question

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SUBJECT: Infant formula and follow-on formula  
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## TEXT:

In August 2014, EFSA updated its opinion on the essential composition of infant and follow-on formula, in which it proposes an almost identical composition of infant formula and follow-on formula.

In the view of the EFSA opinion, and considering that the Commission is currently working on a delegated act as regards infant formula and follow-on formula:

- 1) Is the Commission considering extending the advertising restrictions that apply to infant formula to follow-on-formula, and if not, how will the Commission provide Member States with legal certainty that they can adopt stricter rules on advertising?
- 2) Will the Commission ask EFSA to evaluate potential risks of high sugar levels in baby foods and young child formula, including effects on levels of childhood obesity and on the developing taste palates of children?
- 3) Will the Commission ensure that the suitability of any new ingredient added to infant and follow-on formula needs to be demonstrated by appropriate, independently funded and reviewed studies, and that the addition of any ingredient needs to undergo a pre-market-approval process?

EFSA opinion: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/3760.htm>

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