PREAMBLE – Remove brackets as indicated.

The Codex Alimentarius Commission acknowledges the need to protect and support/recognize exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life and sustained breastfeeding to two years or beyond breastfeeding as an unequalled way of providing ideal the normal/optimal food for the healthy growth and development of infants and young children. At the same time Codex acknowledges that numerous formulae have been produced, intended for use, where necessary/appropriate, as a substitute for human milk breastfeeding in meeting the normal nutritional requirements of infants and young children provided they are when prepared as directed, under hygienic conditions and given in adequate amounts.

In addition, various products have also been produced intended specifically for young children as they progress to a more diversified diet of family foods. Although classified as breastmilk substitutes, these products are NOT necessary to meet the nutritional requirements of young children and their marketing should not undermine discourage breastfeeding.

The production, distribution, sale and use of follow-up formula for older infants and [name of product] for young children should be consistent with national health and nutrition policies and relevant national/regional legislation, and conform to take into account, [as appropriate] the recommendations made in the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitute (1981) and the Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding. Relevant WHO guidelines and policies as well as relevant World Health Assembly (WHA) resolutions, including the WHA resolution 69.9 (2016) and its accompanying WHO Guidance on Ending the Inappropriate Marketing of Foods for Infants and Young Children, that has have been endorsed and supported by member states shall also [may also] provide guidance to countries in this context.

This Standard is divided into two sections. Section A refers to Follow-up Formula for Older Infants (6 to 12 months of age), and Section B deals with [Name of Product] for Young Children (12 to 36 months of age). It does not apply to products covered by the Codex Standard for Infant Formula (CXS 72 – 1981).