

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** ~~breast-feeding~~ 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 ~~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).