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Food & Drug administration announcement

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Subject: Infant food and food formulas for infants and babies

(3rd issue)

With a view to supporting the valuable food nutrition provided to infants and babies that take milk from their mothers, and in accordance with the International Code of Marketing of Breast-Milk Substitutes.

By virtue of provisions 5 and 6 (1)(2)(4)(5)(6)(7) and (10) of the Food Enactment 1979, the Minister of Health, advised by the Food & Drug Administration, hereby proclaims that:

Section 1. Section (A) of 11.2.10 No 11 of The Minister of Health copy No 157 (1994) regarding Infant food and food formulas for infants and babies, dated 14 October 1994, shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

“(A) The words “important matters that should be known

- Breast-feeding is best for babies as it provides all kinds of food nutrition.
- Advice provided by a Doctor or a nutritionist specialising in feeding/ alternative infant milk should be followed.
- Improper preparation and blending could cause harm to the baby”.

In all cases, when printing the three pieces of advice, the list should appear in sequence within the same category. The colour of the letters should contrast with the background colour; the letters shall be bold, dark, and clearly visible”

Section 2. Registered producers and importers of Infant food and food formulas for infants and babies should submit their certificates to be amended with the abovementioned words, in accordance with this Act, within 180 days from the date on which this Act is implemented. After completion of said process, producers and importers may continue to use existing labels until depletion but not beyond one year from the date of implementation of this Act.

Section 3. This announcement shall be applicable from the 1st day after a period of 90 days has expired following the appearance of this announcement in the Government gazette.

Announced on the day of