



Urgent Product Recall Powder Infant Formula

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Dear Physician and/or Health Care Professional:

Abbott would like to advise you of a proactive, voluntary recall of certain Similac®-brand, powder infant formulas.

The recall of these powder infant formulas includes:

- Certain Similac powder product lines offered in plastic containers.
- Certain Similac powder product lines offered in 8-ounce sample cans, 12.4-ounce and 12.9-ounce cans.

Products not involved in the recall include all Abbott Nutrition liquid ready-to-feed and concentrated infant formulas and all powder and liquid specialty formulas, such as Similac Expert Care™ Alimentum®, Elecare®, Similac Expert Care™ Neosure®, Similac® Human Milk Fortifier, and metabolic formulas for inherited disorders.

Please review the following information carefully and take the necessary actions outlined below.

BACKGROUND

Abbott is recalling these products following an internal quality review, which detected the remote possibility of the presence of a small common beetle in the product produced in one production area in a single manufacturing facility. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has determined that while the formula containing these beetles poses no immediate health risk, there is a possibility that infants who consume formula containing the beetles or their larvae, could experience symptoms of gastrointestinal discomfort and refusal to eat as a result of small insect parts irritating the GI tract. If these symptoms persist for more than a few days, a physician should be consulted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Please check your inventory for 8-ounce powder can samples impacted by this recall. Please place these products on hold and do not provide to your patients.
2. Your Abbott Nutrition pediatric sales representative will remove all impacted powder products from your facility within the next four days. If your sales

representative does not contact you within four days, please contact him/her directly.

3. If you have not been contacted or do not know your sales representative, please call 1-800-545-5216 (for medical professionals) for more information and/or to schedule a pick-up of the affected product samples from your facility.
4. If one of your patients contacts you regarding one of the affected lots, please advise the parent / caregiver to discontinue use immediately. Parents and caregivers should call 1-800-986-8850 or visit www.similac.com/recall for more information, including product alternatives.

Please report any complaints associated with this product at 1-800-545-5216, which is an Abbott Consumer Hotline responding to medical professional inquiries.

Thank you for taking the time to review this information. We took this action to ensure that we continue to meet the high standards that our customers expect from us. We regret any inconvenience that this may have caused for your patients, you and your staff.

Sincerely,

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