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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2107

January 6, 2012

Dear Representative Markey:

This responds to your inquiry of December 13, 2011 regarding the use of Bisphenol A (BPA) in the packaging of baby and toddler foods. We apologize for the delay in our response to your inquiry.

Beech-Nut Nutrition Corporation has shifted away from packaging its baby and toddler foods in food contact articles manufactured with BPA. That transition in packaging was completed in October 2011.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Edward J. Markey
Representative
Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Markey:

Thank you for your letter of November 30 regarding Mead Johnson Nutrition's manufacturing processes and, specifically, the chemical bisphenol-A (BPA).

As you know, BPA has been safely utilized for decades to enhance the safety and shelf life of a myriad of canned food products. Numerous independent and governmental bodies around the world, including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, have conducted research and analyses on BPA and concluded that it continues to be safe and suitable for commercial use.

However, in response to requests by some of our consumers, Mead Johnson has modified the materials used in our packaging so that BPA is no longer used as a component of such packaging, including the lining.

Therefore, the answers to the specific questions delineated in your letter are as follows:

1. Mead Johnson Nutrition does not currently use BPA as a component of the liners of canned liquid infant formula.
2. Mead Johnson Nutrition does not currently use BPA as a component of the liners of powdered infant formula.
3. Sales numbers related to our products are material, non-public information that we prefer not to disclose. However, in light of our ability to confirm in answers nos. 1 and 2 that we are not using BPA as a component in the packaging of our liquid or powdered formulas, we believe that you will consider the percentage of our sales in liquid form as no longer relevant and we trust that you have the information you need.
4. Mead Johnson Nutrition does not sell baby and toddler food. For the purpose of FDA regulations, infant formula is considered a food, but your point is clear and we understand that, as opposed to a formula made from liquid or powder, a food in this context means a solid food of the type consumed by a baby or toddler that is a soft paste or is easily chewed.



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Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with this additional information. If you or your staff have any additional questions, please contact Darrin Ocke at 812-429-5548 or at darrin.ocke@mjn.com.

Sincerely,

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December 13, 2011

Congressman Edward J. Markey
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Dear Congressman Markey,

I am writing in response to your November 30, 2011 letter requesting information relative to the use of bisphenol A (BPA).

As we explained to Dr. Joseph, Perrigo only received your letter on the afternoon of December 8, 2011, such that we were unable to respond, as requested, by the close of business that same date. For that reason, Dr. Joseph Kindly agreed to extend the deadline for Perrigo to respond to your letter until the close of business on December 13, 2011.

In any event, here are Perrigo's responses to the questions raised in your November 30 letter.

- 1. Does your company currently use BPA in the liners of canned liquid baby formula? If so, what percentage of your liquid formula still contains BPA?**

No, the liners of canned liquid infant formula that Perrigo sells in the United States do not contain BPA; rather, the product is currently packaged in a polypropylene plastic bottle.

By way of further response, BPA was a component of the exterior coating for the non-product contact surface of the outer cap used with this plastic bottle. Perrigo and its suppliers previously reformulated the exterior coating for the non-product contact surface of the outer cap to remove BPA. As the U.S. FDA has reviewed and cleared the use of this alternative packaging, Perrigo is transitioning its liquid infant formula products to this improved packaging and expects to complete this transition by the end of 2012.

- 2. Does your company currently use BPA in the liners of powdered baby formula? If so, what percentage of your powdered formula still contains BPA?**

No, the powdered baby formula that Perrigo sells in the United States does not use BPA in the liners.

3. What percentage of your company's infant formula sales are composed of liquid formula?

As of December 9, 2011, approximately 1.7% of Perrigo's infant formula sales are composed of liquid formula.

4. Does your company currently use BPA in the packaging for baby and toddler food? If so, what percentage of your company's baby food contains BPA? What percentage of your company's toddler food contains BPA?

Perrigo does not currently use BPA in the packaging for baby foods in the United States.

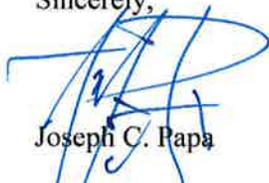
With respect to toddler foods, Perrigo manufactures soy liquid pediatric nutritional drink that is currently packaged in an aluminum can made with BPA. However, Perrigo is in the process of transitioning this product into an FDA reviewed and cleared plastic bottle that is not made with BPA. Perrigo expects to complete this transition by the end of 2012. This soy pediatric drink comprises approximately 10% of the Perrigo's toddler food sales, but that percentage will soon be reduced to zero as Perrigo is transitioning from the aluminum can to a BPA-free bottle for the soy liquid nutritional drink used for toddlers.

By way of further response, with respect to liquid milk-based pediatric nutritional drinks that Perrigo sells in the United States, these products are packaged in a polypropylene plastic bottle.

While BPA was present as a component of the exterior coating for the non-product contact surface of the outer cap used with this plastic bottle, Perrigo and its suppliers previously reformulated the exterior coating to remove the BPA component. The FDA has reviewed and cleared the use of this alternative packaging, and Perrigo is transitioning its liquid pediatric nutritional drink products to this improved packaging, which Perrigo expects to be completed by the end of 2012.

If you should have any questions regarding this response or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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December 9, 2011

The Honorable
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Dear Congressman Markey,

I am responding for Abbott to your letter of November 30th. As of September 11, 2011, all Similac brand infant formula production for the US market is "BPA Free". BPA Free means no BPA is used in the manufacturing of any of our infant formula containers.

Abbott, working with suppliers and regulators, had 96.4% of sales volume BPA free prior to September 2011, with metal cans for liquids the only outstanding package remaining to convert due to novel can coatings awaiting regulatory approval. A BPA free option for this final container became available when Abbott received an FDA non-objection letter on July 14, 2011. Abbott achieved full commercialization of this new container in early September, finalizing our transition to 100% BPA Free for all Similac brand infant formulas.

This should fully respond to your inquiry.

Sincerely,



John C. Landgraf



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December 8, 2011

Honorable Edward J. Markey
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Markey:

We received your letter dated November 30, 2011 requesting a response to specific questions regarding the use of bisphenol A (BPA) in the packaging of our infant nutrition products. In response to changing consumer preferences regarding BPA, Nestlé Infant Nutrition/Gerber Products Company committed more than three years ago to use only packaging made without BPA as soon as technically feasible for all our infant and toddler products, including infant formula and baby food. As a result of extensive efforts and the use of best available technology, Nestlé Infant Nutrition has fully implemented packaging made without BPA for our entire Gerber portfolio. I'm pleased to report that we have fulfilled the public commitment we made in 2008.

Below are responses to the specific questions raised in your letter.

1. Does your company currently use BPA in the liners of canned liquid baby formula? If so, what percentage of your liquid formula still contains BPA?

Answer: No, Nestlé Infant Nutrition/Gerber Products Company does not use packaging made with BPA for our liquid infant formula products.

2. Does your company currently use BPA in the liners of powdered baby formula? If so, what percentage of your powdered formula still contains BPA?

Answer: No.

3. What percentage of your company's infant formula sales are composed of liquid formula?

Answer: Approximately seven percent of our infant formula sales are liquid formulas (concentrate and ready-to-feed).

4. Does your company currently use BPA in packaging for baby and toddler food? If so, what percentage of your company's baby food contains BPA? What percentage of your company's toddler food contains BPA?

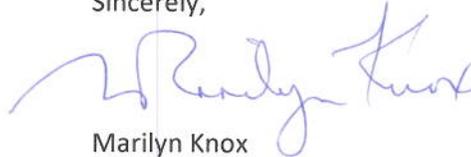
Answer: No, Nestlé Infant Nutrition/Gerber Products Company does not use packaging made with BPA for any of our infant and toddler products.

The use of BPA in food packaging has generated a great deal of media attention and subsequent scrutiny from regulatory bodies around the world. These regulatory agencies, including the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), continue to evaluate all of the available data on the use and safety of BPA in food packaging. We support this regulatory review and are confident regulatory agencies will take appropriate action, if necessary, based on the totality of the scientific evidence.

Nestlé Nutrition has more than 140 years experience helping parents raise happy, healthy babies and the safety of our products is our top priority. If consumers have questions, we encourage them to contact our Parents Resource Center, at 1 800-4-Gerber.

We trust this letter fully addresses your questions. Please feel free to contact us if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



Marilyn Knox
CEO

Nestlé Infant Nutrition, North America