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## **Vendor News Flash**

### **Voluntary Recall of Similac Infant Formula Products**

Abbott Nutrition has initiated a proactive, voluntary recall of powder infant formulas, including Similac, Alimentum, and EleCare manufactured in Sturgis, Michigan. Abbott is voluntarily recalling these products after four consumer complaints related to illnesses in infants who had consumed powder infant formula manufactured in this facility.

The FDA advises consumers not to use Similac, Alimentum, or EleCare powdered infant formulas if:

- the first two digits of the code are 22 through 37; and
- the code on the container contains K8, SH or Z2; and
- the expiration date is 4-1-2022 (April 2022) or later.

Please find below the list of four WIC contracted and two exempt formulas that are impacted.

#### **Affected (only produced in Sturgis, MI):**

- 12.6 oz Total Comfort powder
- 12.5 oz Similac for Spit Up powder
- All EleCare powder Infant and Jr
- All Alimentum powder

#### **Partially Affected (produced in Sturgis, MI as well as other plants)**

- 12.5 oz Similac Sensitive powder
- 12.4 oz Similac Advance powder

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## **NOT Affected (not produced at Sturgis, MI plant)**

- Isomil
- NeoSure
- All concentrated liquids and ready to feeds

Per guidance from USDA, WIC participants have the same rights as all other consumers under this recall and should be treated like all other customers. It is not required and FNS does not recommend that WIC State Agencies require vendors to determine whether a product was purchased with WIC benefits as a part of the exchange process.

Vendors should follow Abbott's instructions on the recall. Please keep in mind that the reconciliation of cost for the formula is between the grocery store and Abbott Nutrition.

For your information we have provided a list below of potential alternative formulas.



Recalled Abbott Formula	Potential Alternatives
<b>Similac Advance</b>	<b>Mead Johnson</b>
	Enfamil Neuropro Infant Formula
	Enfamil Infant Formula
	<b>Earth's Best Organic</b>
	Earth's Best Organic Dairy Infant Formula
	<b>Store-brand equivalent</b>
	Infant Formula Milk-Based Powder with Iron
<b>Similac Sensitive</b>	<b>Abbott</b>
	Similac Soy Isomil
	<b>Mead Johnson</b>
	Enfamil Neuropro Sensitive Infant Formula
	Enfamil Infant Gentlease
	Enfamil Neuropro Gentlease Infant Formula
	Enfamil Prosobee Infant Formula
	<b>Gerber</b>
	Good Start SoothePro Infant Formula
	Good Start Gentle
	Good Start Soy
	<b>Earth's Best Organic</b>
	Earth's Best Organic Sensitivity Infant Formula
	<b>Store-brand equivalent</b>
	Sensitivity Infant Formula Milk-Based Powder with Iron
	Gentle Infant Formula Milk-Based Powder with Iron

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<b>Similac for Spit Up</b>	<b>Mead Johnson</b>
	Enfamil AR
	<b>Store-brand equivalent</b>
	Added Rice Starch Infant Formula Milk-Based Powder with Iron
<b>Similac Total Comfort</b>	<b>Mead Johnson</b>
	Enfamil Reguline Infant Formula
	Enfamil Infant Gentlease
	<b>Gerber</b>
	Good Start GentlePro
	<b>Earth's Best Organic</b>
	Earth's Best Organic Gentle Infant Formula
	<b>Store-brand equivalent</b>
	Complete Comfort Infant Formula Milk-Based Powder with Iron
	Gentle Infant Formula Milk-Based Powder with Iron

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