Dear Distributor Partner,

Abbott is initiating a proactive, voluntary recall of powder formulas, including Similac, Alimentum, and EleCare powders manufactured in Sturgis, Michigan, one of the company’s manufacturing facilities. No Abbott liquid formulas are impacted by this recall. Additionally, no powder formulas or nutrition products produced in any other facility are impacted by the recall.

Abbott is voluntarily recalling these products after four consumer complaints related to Cronobacter sakazakii or Salmonella Newport in infants who had consumed powder formula manufactured in our Sturgis, Michigan facility. Additionally, as part of Abbott’s quality processes, we conduct routine testing for Cronobacter sakazakii and other pathogens in our manufacturing facilities. During testing in our Sturgis, Michigan facility, we found evidence of Cronobacter sakazakii in the plant in non-product contact areas. We found no evidence of Salmonella Newport. Importantly, no distributed product tested positive for the presence of either of these bacteria.

While Abbott’s testing of finished product detected no pathogens, we are taking action by recalling the powder formula manufactured in this facility with an expiration date of April 1, 2022 or later. This recall only affects the products listed in the attached materials, which also provides instructions on how to identify specific affected product that may be in your inventory. Please do not dispose of the affected product.

1. Please immediately check your inventory for affected product and place the affected product on hold. We will provide additional communication on the process to return the affected powder product in the coming days.

2. Please notify your customers who were shipped the affected products of this important recall. Provide them the attached Product Recall List and instruct them to check their inventory for affected product and place the product on hold. Instruct
customers to not dispose of the product and contact Abbott Consumer Relations at 1-800-986-8540 to arrange for a return of the product.

If you have any questions or receive questions from your customers, please contact your Abbott Distributor Relations representative or Abbott Nutrition Customer Service at 1-800-551-5838.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience this action has caused you and appreciate your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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