

REVIEW OF THE STANDARD FOR FOLLOW-UP FORMULA

(CODEX STAN 156-1987)

(Chaired by New Zealand and co-chaired by Indonesia and France)

Second Consultation Paper



INFANT NUTRITION COUNCIL AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

ADDENDUM

15 July 2016

INC provides the following Addendum to its submission provided 13 July 2016 in response to the question:

Taking into consideration relevant WHA resolutions and accompanying documents (section 6) and the role of product in the diet, are changes required to the current drafting of Section 9.6 of the current follow-up formula standard? Please consider both follow-up formula for older infants and for young children when answering this question and comment on whether there would need to be different approaches for the different product categories.

9.6 The products covered by this standard are not breast-milk substitutes and shall not be presented as such.

INC Answer:

At this stage, INC favours the current provision 9.6 in Codex STAN 156-1987 remain.

To ensure that these products are not marketed as breastmilk substitutes, appropriate Codex guidelines on labelling of these products should be defined such as:

- Recommended age of introduction
- No image of a child younger than 6 months.

Important messages on the label should state clearly and legibly that:

- o It is recommended that you continue to breastfeed your child up to two years or beyond in addition to age appropriate foods.
- o This product is not a breastmilk substitute.

INC also refers to the composition criteria which are clearly evolving towards a follow-up formula for older infants vs young children. In particular, follow-up formula for young children is moving further away from a formula developed for infants towards a "general food".