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**To: Legislative Council Subcommittee on Food and Drug (Composition and Labelling)
Amendment (No. 2) Regulation 2014**

Mead Johnson supports the Government's legislation of the composition and labeling of formula products and foods intended for infants and young children under the age of 36 months. We also appreciate the efforts by the Centre for Food Safety in discussing with the trade on technical details in the past months.

As a responsible paediatric nutrition company, it is our top priority to always ensure that all our products meet local regulations as well as the highest international standards.

Based on our initial assessment, we would like to propose that the Government consider allowing a 24 month grace period for both infant formula and follow-up formula to comply with the new legislation.

All Mead Johnson products sold in Hong Kong are manufactured in either the Netherlands or the US. We follow Codex guideline and all local regulations. Under the new legislation, some of the nutrient label declarations have to be changed and re-formulation may also take place for either product innovation or to manage changes in ingredients. The process covers formulation assessment and design, stability study, commercialization and phasing out of old products in the market. A sufficient grace period is important to ensure a smooth transition and introduction of products with new label into Hong Kong.

We understand that the grace period already started with the new legislation in effect. However, the technical guidance note is not yet released while the trade needs to refer to it for detailed formulation assessment. We would therefore like to urge the Government to release the technical guidance note and testing methods as soon as possible.

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