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FDA Warns Consumers Not to Use Certain Powdered Infant Formula Produced in Abbott Nutrition's Facility in Sturgis, Michigan

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced it is investigating consumer complaints of *Cronobacter sakazakii* and *Salmonella* Newport infections. All the cases are reported to have consumed powdered infant formula produced from Abbott Nutrition's Sturgis, Michigan facility. As a result of the ongoing investigation, along with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state and local partners, the FDA is alerting consumers to avoid purchasing or using certain powdered infant formula products produced at this facility. This is an ongoing investigation, and the firm is working with the FDA to initiate a voluntary recall of the potentially affected product.

The FDA is advising 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 (APR 2022) or later.**

The FDA is investigating complaints of four infant illnesses from three states. All four cases related to these complaints were hospitalized and *Cronobacter* may have contributed to a death in one case.

- Products made at the Sturgis, Michigan facility can be found across the U.S. and were likely exported to other countries.
- Products that do not contain the information listed above are not impacted. The FDA advisory does not include liquid formula products or any metabolic deficiency nutrition formulas. Consumers should continue to use all products not covered by the advisory.
- To date, this investigation has been associated with four illnesses (three for *Cronobacter* and one for *Salmonella*) spanning the following states: MN, OH and TX. All four cases related to these complaints were hospitalized and *Cronobacter* may have contributed to a death in one case.
- *Cronobacter* bacteria can cause severe, life-threatening infections (sepsis) or meningitis (an inflammation of the membranes that protect the brain and spine). Symptoms of sepsis and meningitis may include poor feeding, irritability, temperature changes, jaundice (yellow skin and whites of the eyes), grunting breaths and abnormal movements. *Cronobacter* infection may also cause bowel damage and may spread through the blood to other parts of the body.
- Parents and caregivers of infants who have used these products, and are concerned about the health of their child, should contact their child's health care provider. If your child is experiencing any of these symptoms, you should notify your child's healthcare provider and seek medical care for your child immediately.
- *Salmonella* is a group of bacteria that can cause gastrointestinal illness and fever called salmonellosis. Most people with salmonellosis develop diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps. More severe cases of salmonellosis may include a high fever, aches, headaches, lethargy, a rash, blood in the urine or stool, and in some cases, may become fatal.

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