

MEDIA RELEASE

Recall of Abbott Alimentum powdered infant formula from USA due to possible presence of *Cronobacter sakazakii* and *Salmonella* Newport

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a notification that they are working with Abbott Nutrition to initiate a voluntary recall of Abbott Alimentum powdered infant formula from USA due to the possible presence of *Cronobacter sakazakii* and *Salmonella* Newport. The U.S. authorities are investigating consumer complaints of infections reportedly linked to consumption of the product.

2 The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) has directed Abbott Laboratories (S) Pte Ltd to recall the implicated batches in Singapore. The recall is ongoing.


3 *Cronobacter sakazakii* and *Salmonella* Newport are pathogenic bacteria.

- *Cronobacter sakazakii* infections are generally rare, and can cause meningitis or sepsis. Examples of symptoms displayed by infants infected include fever, poor feeding or lethargy. It is a bacterium found in the environment that can survive dry conditions, such as dry food like infant formula and powdered milk.
- *Salmonella* Newport can cause gastrointestinal illness and those infected may experience fever, abdominal cramps and diarrhoea.

4 Parents or caregivers who are concerned should stop using the product. They should seek medical assistance should their infants feel unwell after consuming the affected products.

5 Consumers may contact their point of purchase for enquiries.

6 Details of the products are as follows:

<p>Implicated product:</p> <p>Product name: Abbott Alimentum powdered infant formulas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The first two digits of the code are “22” through “37”;• The code on the container contains “K8”, “SH” or “Z2” <p>Expiration date: 1 Apr 2022 or later</p> <p>Country of origin: USA</p>	
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