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1. SCOPE

This standard is concerned with the requirements to be fulfilled in breast-milk substitutes.

2. REQUIREMENTS

Government authorities concerned shall

- 2.1 Exert all possible efforts and cooperate in the implementation of the informational and educational materials recommended by the "International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes" regarding the process of breast feeding and publicizing it.
- 2.2 Encourage breast-feeding and develop an informational program ensuring its advantages, benefits and superiority.
- 2.3 Prohibit making any propaganda for breast-feed substitutes and donate them no financial support.
- 2.4 Request distributors to declare the following information in a clear, legible and easily read form on each container of the breast-milk substitutes:
 - (a) A statement ensuring superiority of breast feeding, to be preceded by the words "Important Notice".
 - (b) Instructions for appropriate preparation, and a warning against the health hazards of improper use.
 - (c) The label or container shall not bear any pictures of infants nor other pictures which may idealize the use of infant formula.
 - (d) In addition to the above, the label shall include the following:
 - List of ingredients.
 - Chemical composition.
 - Storage conditions required.
 - Batch number, date of production and expiry date in a non-coded manner, provided that the expiry period shall not exceed 18 months as from the date of production.