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via Electronic Mail

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Dockets Management Branch, HFA-305
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: DOCKET 95N-0309
CURRENT GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICE, QUALITY CONTROL
PROCEDURES, QUALITY FACTORS, NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND
RECORDS AND REPORTS, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF INFANT FORMULA

Dear Sir or Madam:

Ross Products Division, Abbott Laboratories endorses the comments submitted by the International Formula Council (IFC). These comments represent a concerted and comprehensive effort on behalf of the US infant formula industry to address issues of FDA concern and to assure the continued safe manufacture of infant formula.

Ross recognizes the importance of these regulations and believes that the comments presented by the IFC reveal a current manufacturing standard commensurate with the responsibility the manufacturers have in ensuring the public health of infants. It is Ross' expectation that these comments will be received and understood by the FDA as representing a conscientious effort indicative of the industry's expertise and diligence in providing quality formulas for infants.

Sincerely,

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