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Bureau of Chemical Safety Food Directorate

Bureau d'innocuité des produits chimiques Direction des aliments

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Notre Mission

Veiller à ce que les produits chimiques ne soient pas présents dans les aliments à des niveaux pouvant entraîner des effets néfastes sur la santé des canadiennes et des canadiens.

Our Mission

To ensure chemicals are not present in foods at levels that may cause adverse health effects to Canadians.

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Please be Advised,

Health Canada has re-assessed its maximum tolerable limit for melamine in infant formula.

On December 04, 2008, Health Canada adopted the recommendations of the World Health Organization Expert Committee on Melamine http://www.who.int/foodsafety/fs_management/infosan_events/en/index.html, which reviewed the toxicological aspects of melamine and cyanuric acid. These recommendations included the adoption of a tolerable daily intake (TDI) for melamine of 0.2 mg/kg bw/day. As a result of this new information becoming available, Health Canada has updated its maximum level for melamine in infant formula <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/chem-chim/melamine/qa-melamine-qr-eng.php#8> from the interim measure of 1.0 ppm to 0.5ppm.