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To : All Concerned

Subject : Testing of Infant Formula and Other Milk Product for the Presence of Melamine

Following the recent reported findings and confirmation of the presence of melamine in infant formula and milk products produced in China, the Bureau of Food and Drugs has since then been monitoring and collecting aforesaid products in the market for testing/ analyses in the Laboratory Services Division. At present the BFAD is still in the process of developing and validating the applicable test procedures for the presence of the said ingredient.

In this regard, clients may utilize the testing capabilities of the recognized laboratories for the testing of melamine in their products. The list of recognized laboratories can be downloaded in the BFAD website at www.bfad.gov.ph. This Bureau also allows the testing / analyses be conducted by reputable testing laboratories abroad. All test results, however, shall be evaluated and verified by BFAD and may be used to meet specific BFAD requirements and other industry requirements whenever necessary.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.


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