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Dear Healthcare Provider,

As you know, in Canada, we are experiencing a shortage of infant formulas designed for babies with food allergies and certain medical conditions. Our hearts go out to all the parents and families who are affected by this shortage and situation.

While we do not currently sell these specialty formulas in Canada, through our collaborative efforts with Health Canada and our Nestlé Global and UK counterparts, we have been able to temporarily import a limited supply of SMA® ALFAMINO®, a hypoallergenic amino acid-based infant formula for the dietary management of cows' milk protein allergy, and SMA® ALTHÉRA®, a whey-protein, extensively hydrolyzed, hypoallergenic formula for the first line dietary management of cow's milk protein allergy, sold in the UK, to help alleviate the current shortage situation. This continues from the temporary supply of Nestlé's Gerber Good Start Extensive HA™, recently imported by Nestlé Nutrition.

Health Canada has published information for Health Care Providers and parents that outlines the situation and offers guidance for use of important products such as SMA® ALFAMINO® and SMA® ALTHÉRA® from Nestlé Health Science. This information can be found at the following [link](#).

The limited supply of SMA® ALFAMINO® and SMA® ALTHÉRA® from Nestlé Health Science will be made available to order by retail pharmacists, in partnership with Health Canada, to ensure it reaches the consumers in need across Canada.

A national clinical decision tree entitled, "[Use of Specialized Infant Formula During a Shortage](#)" has been recently developed to support health care providers across the country guide treatment decisions, and support families and caregivers to make appropriate formula choices while rationing the use of specialized infant formulas. Health Canada facilitated bringing together experts from a broad community of healthcare stakeholders for its development, including: Canadian Pediatric Society, Canadian Pharmacists Association, Food Allergy Canada, Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Dietitians of Canada, Hospital for Sick Children and McMaster Children's Hospital. This decision tree offers specific guidance to health care providers when counseling families, discussing safe alternatives, and conserving limited national supplies of specialized formulas. This decision tree has also been disseminated directly to



members of the Health Care Professional Associations that helped in its development.

SMA® ALFAMINO® and SMA® ALTHÉRA® from Nestlé Health Science have English labels only. Information in French, as well as additional detail in English can be accessed at this [link](#), see Appendix A

Product information for SMA® ALFAMINO® and SMA® ALTHÉRA® from Nestlé Health Science for Health Care Providers is attached to this letter.

If you have questions or require further information, please email us [nestlespecialtyformula@ca.nestle.com](mailto:nestlespecialtyformula@ca.nestle.com)

Thank you for your support.

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