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Dear Pharmacist:

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.

While supplies last, you can order the Nestlé Health Science products, SMA® ALFAMINO® and SMA® ALTHÉRA® based on parent request for extensively hydrolyzed or amino acid-based infant formula, through McKesson. This will help ensure availability of product for the infants who require this type of specialty infant formula. McKesson ordering information is as follows:

Item	Description	Vendor Item	Case Qty	UNIT UPC	Case UPC
173926	ALFAMINO ACS019 400G UK	12454872	6	7613036360791	7613036360807
173933	ALThERA ACS015 400G UK	12337253	6	7613036066129	7613036066136

When you receive an order and deliver it to parents, please ensure to print and hand out the documentation at the following [Health Canada link](#) (see Appendix A) that lists all critical product information in English and French.

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](#).

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.

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

Thank you for your support.

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