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Dear Colleague,

**Amendments to EU Directive 2006/141/EC – protein requirements for infant and follow-on formula.**

I would like bring to your attention the attached draft technical amendment to authorise the use of goats' milk protein in the manufacture of infant formula, and lower the minimum protein levels permitted in follow-on formula manufactured from protein hydrolysates. This follows positive assessment by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

This amendment will implement changes to EU Directive 2006/141/EC, which we expect to be published in the summer, after scrutiny by the European Parliament. From the date of publication in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJ), member states will have six months to make the necessary changes to national rules. Products conforming to the new compositional provisions, will not be permitted on the market until the changes to national rules have been made.

This amendment is seen as positive for UK businesses in terms of product innovation and positive for consumer choice in this market. Given the short deadline to implement these changes, we would be grateful for any early comments or views on the impact of the proposed amendment. In addition to any general views, we would appreciate comments on the specific questions annexed to this letter. Please send comments by 28 June to [parnutnotification@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:parnutnotification@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

Should you have any questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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**List of questions to assess impact on the UK**

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**Goats milk Protein**

1. Data on the potential market size for formula milks based on goats milk protein – broken down into infant formula and follow-on formula.
2. Data on whether you intend to introduce new goats milk products to the UK market – broken down into infant formula and follow-on formula.
3. Data on consumer demand for formula milks manufactured from goats milk protein.

**Hydrolysed protein in follow-on formula**

4. Data on whether you intend to reformulate formula milks with the lower protein level - broken down into infant formula and follow-on formula.