



UNICEF UK BABY FRIENDLY INITIATIVE

STATEMENT ON RECENT RECALL OF TWO SPECIALISED INFANT FORMULA: ELECARE SIMILAC AND ALIMENTUM SIMILAC

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The UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK) Baby Friendly Initiative has received enquiries about two infant formula products which have been recalled this week as a precautionary measure due to the potential presence of *Salmonella* and *Cronobacter sakazakii* ([Food Standards Agency \(FSA\) UK, 22 February 2022](#)). Both *Salmonella* and *Cronobacter sakazakii* can cause serious illness in infants and the recalled products should not be used.

The recalled infant formula includes certain batches of Elecare Similac and Alimentum Similac, both produced by Abbott. These are marketed as specialised infant formula to be used under medical supervision as prescribed by a medical practitioner.

The recall does not apply to other infant formulas.

Parents and caregivers who have been prescribed Elecare Similac and Alimentum Similac infant formulas for their baby should be advised to [follow guidance by the FSA](#) and contact the medical professional from whom they received the infant formula prescription to be given a suitable alternative for their infant.

All parents and caregivers who formula feed should be given support and information to follow current guidance, including preparing feeds as safely as possible and feeding responsively.

Learn more

- [Guide to bottle feeding leaflet](#) by UNICEF UK and the Department of Health
- [Making infant milks safely](#) by First Steps Nutrition Trust
- [Guide to infant formula and responsive bottle feeding](#) by UNICEF UK and First Steps Nutrition Trust