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COMMENTS FROM:

INTERNATIONAL BABY FOOD ACTION NETWORK (IBFAN)

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INTERNATIONAL BABY FOOD ACTION NETWORK (IBFAN):

Although the EWG has not circulated a draft, IBFAN urges Codex to support the use of Quantitative Ingredient Declaration (QUID) labelling. QUID labelling provides valuable information for parents in making decisions about the contents of commercially prepared complementary foods. During the latter part of infancy and early childhood it is critical to provide high nutrient energy dense foods to complement breastfeeding for optimal growth and development. Hence it is important that parents have access to full information when making infant/child-feeding decisions. Furthermore pregnant and lactating women have increased nutritional needs and would therefore benefit from the adoption of QUID labelling. This would be considerably more beneficial to consumers than the current status of permitting claims on prepackaged foods, many of which are not scientifically substantiated.