



**Nestle Nutrition
Gerber Products Company**

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Dear Healthcare Professionals,

I am following up with you regarding our recent communications to share that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a Constituent Update and Letter to Industry on March 5, 2021, that outlined its action plan to further reduce heavy metals in baby foods.

For over 90 years Gerber's top priority has been the health and well-being of babies. We strongly support the actions announced by the FDA to help further reduce heavy metals in infant and toddler foods.

We are pleased that the FDA has reinforced the use of food safety best practices and tools that we have long followed at Gerber. The safety and quality standards we have set for our baby foods are industry-leading and among the strictest in not just the U.S., but the world. Parents can trust that our foods are safe to consume.

We also echo the FDA's guidance to parents that making baby food at home does not reduce potential exposure to metals. Heavy metals are naturally found in water and soil and can become a part of certain fruits, vegetables and grains as they grow. This is true whether a parent buys them in the grocery store or at their local farmer's market.

Gerber welcomes the opportunity to work collaboratively with the FDA and other stakeholders to advance this important effort to continue to reduce the levels of heavy metals in infant and toddler food. Strong standards are good for babies, parents and our industry.

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