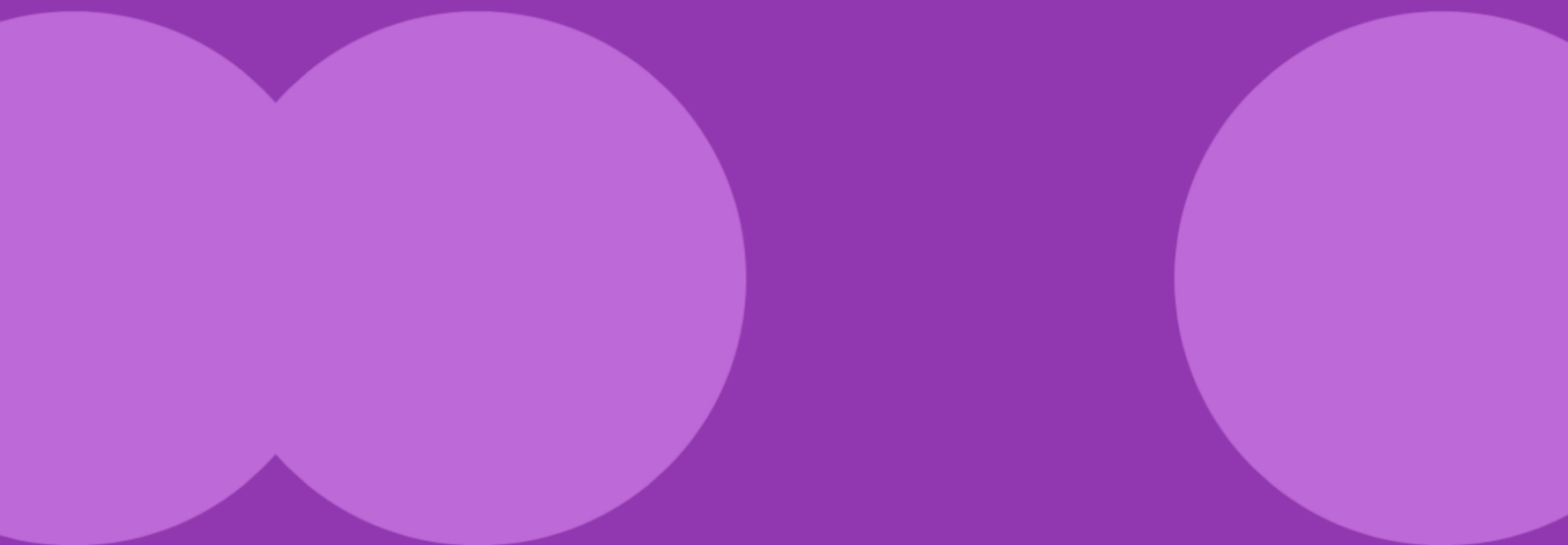


Position Statement

Infant nutrition

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1. Background

Human milk represents the nutritional gold standard for infant nutrition. However, some women are unable to breastfeed and not every infant will receive breast milk in the first six months of their life or as an older infant.

Infant formula, although it can never equal breast milk, is formulated to ensure that it is safe, and suitable to meet the nutritional needs of infants and complement young children's diets.

The industry's goal over the years has been to continually optimize the composition of infant formula. The inclusion of nutrients and other components found in breast milk helps achieve this goal.

2. Our position

At dsm-firmenich, we support the World Health Organization's recommendation¹ that infants should be exclusively breastfed for the first six months of their lives. Starting at six months, infants should begin eating safe and adequate complementary foods while continuing to breastfeed up to two years of age or beyond.

While human milk represents the nutritional gold standard for infant nutrition, we believe that infant formula can help parents who are unable to provide human breast milk to their infants. Over the years we have worked hard to continually optimize the composition of infant formula and bring its composition closer to breast milk, the unequalled way of providing ideal food to infants.

We believe the inclusion of nutrients and other components found in breast milk, like docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and arachidonic acid (ARA), and human milk oligosaccharides (HMOs) helps achieve this goal.

For any guidance about infant nutrition, dsm-firmenich recommends seeking medical advice from a pediatrician or healthcare professional.

3. Our approach

At dsm-firmenich, we manufacture a wide range of vitamins, nutrient blends, nutritional lipids, and human milk oligosaccharides (HMOs) that can be used in infant nutrition. Our

¹ <https://www.who.int/health-topics/breastfeeding>



ingredients can also be used in infant cereals, fruit and vegetable juices, biscuits and baby meals as well as supplements and foods for maternal nutrition.

Infant formula remains amongst the most highly regulated foods in the world. There is agreement in the international scientific and pediatric community that the formulation of dietary products for infants must be based on sound evidence and infant formula must always be demonstrated to be safe.

Our commitment to ensuring the safety and quality of our ingredients for use in infant nutrition is essential. This is why we have a comprehensive program to continuously monitor and evaluate safety and quality. Extensive analysis is performed in-house as well as by independent third parties to ensure purity and quality. Quality, reliability, traceability, and sustainability are at the core principles of our business, so we can deliver the highest-quality ingredients and solutions.