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To: [Neal, Glen](#)
Subject: RE: nano particles in infant formula
Date: Monday, 17 July 2017 11:04:13 AM

That will be fine, thanks Glen (and sorry for the rush).
Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: Neal, Glen [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, 17 July 2017 12:59 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: nano particles in infant formula

Hi [REDACTED]
"FSANZ has regard to policy guidelines when developing or reviewing standards. We have not yet developed or reviewed a standard in relation to the use of nanomaterials in infant formula. The presence of nanomaterials in infant formula does not constitute use. FSANZ therefore refutes any suggestion that we have failed to have regard to policy guidelines."
I trust this is of some assistance.
Cheers
Glen

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 12:42 PM
To: Neal, Glen <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: nano particles in infant formula

Hi Glen,
Sorry to be a nuisance. I have an updated timeframe as to when this is due. It needs to be signed out by 2.30pm today – so if you can provide something by 2pm, that would be greatly appreciated.
Thanks
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 17 July 2017 10:14 a.m.
To: 'Neal, Glen' <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: nano particles in infant formula

Hi Glen,
Further to my email below – here is the draft letter in response. Ideally, I would like to add a line in the letter in relation to your response on the Policy Guideline.
Thanks
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 17 July 2017 9:58 a.m.
To: 'Neal, Glen' <[REDACTED]>
Subject: nano particles in infant formula

Hi Glen,
As discussed, here is the wording we propose using to brief our Minister on the issue of nanoparticles in IF:

11. The Policy Guideline on the Regulation of Infant Formula Products was endorsed by

the now Australia New Zealand Forum on Food Regulation in May 2011. The FSANZ Act requires that FSANZ must have regard to Policy Guidelines in developing or reviewing food standards.

12. The Policy Guideline outlines that premarket assessment is required for substances proposed to be used in infant and follow on formula that: i) does not have a history of safe use at the proposed level in these products in Australia and New Zealand; or ii) has a history of safe use in Australia and New Zealand, but which, having regard to source, has a different form/ structure, or is produced using a substantially different technique or technology.

13. MPI considers that there is no evidence to suggest that nano-particles do not have a safe history of use in the New Zealand. They are likely to be naturally present in the milk powders used to produce infant formula as a result of the drying process undertaken to produce the milk powders. MPI is also aware that there are known to be naturally occurring nano-particles in milk products (many associated with milk proteins).

14. The Policy Guideline also notes that as infant formula may be an infant's sole source of nutrition, there is a greater level of risk to be managed compared to other populations. MPI recognises that infants are more vulnerable than the general health population and takes this into account in its assessments. MPI considers that there is no evidence to suggest that nano-particles are a safety issue for infants at the present time and the Friends of the Earth information does not change that view.

We are seeking a couple of lines from you, in response to the claim that 'FSANZ has failed to adhere to the Food Regulation Ministerial Council's policy for ensuring the safety of infant formula...'

If you can provide a response as soon as you are able, that would be much appreciated. Our draft response and Aide Memoire is due to the Minister today.

Kind regards

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