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Dear WIC Vendor,

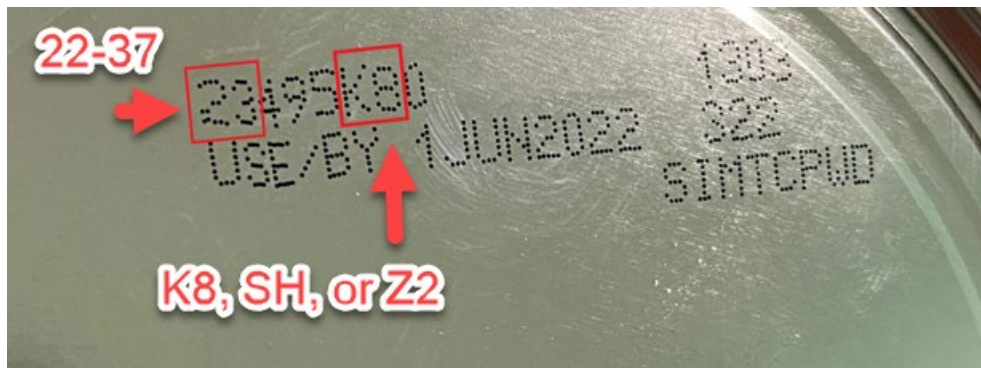
Regarding the WIC Formula Recall, we appreciate your patience as we await additional guidance from Abbott Laboratories related to refunds/exchanges of the impacted Similac formulas. You may monitor this situation directly by visiting [similacrecall.com](http://similacrecall.com). In the meantime, we advise you to remove all affected product from your shelves using the instructions below and that you reach out to your formula supplier to see if you can source any formula that is not impacted by this recall.

#### Removing affected product

You should inspect all of your Similac inventory for the code on the bottom of the cans and remove any cans with lot numbers indicating manufacture in the Sturgis, MI plant.

To make it easier for you, please do not focus on the product date and **just focus on the code pictured below**. Items that contain the following in their lot number code were manufactured in the Sturgis, MI facility:

- the first two digits of the code are any two-digit number ranging from **22 to 37**, and
- the code on the container contains **K8, SH, or Z2**.



Please note the following details regarding affected formulas:

The following powdered formulas are **all affected** as they are only produced at Abbott's Sturgis, MI plant:

- 12.6 oz Similac Total Comfort powder
- 12.5 oz Similac for Spit Up powder
- All EleCare Infant and Jr. powder
- All Alimentum powder

The following powdered formulas are **partially affected** by the recall because they are also produced outside of the Sturgis, MI plant:

- 12.5 oz Similac Sensitive powder
- 12.4 oz Similac Advance powder

The following formulas **are not** affected by the recall because they are produced exclusively outside of the Sturgis, MI plant.

- All concentrated liquids and ready-to-feed liquid Similac formulas
- 12.4 oz Similac Soy Isomil powder
- 13.1 oz Similac Neosure powder

### Refunds and exchanges

~~You may exchange a client's recalled formula if you have unaffected inventory of the exact same size and brand of formula in stock. If you do not have the recalled product in stock, please advise WIC clients that they may contact their local WIC clinic for assistance.~~

~~**Remember, cash refunds are never allowed for products purchased with WIC benefits.**~~

We understand that you are doing your best to support WIC families. We appreciate your service and will continue to keep you updated as we learn more.

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**Note:** In light of information received from the USDA and Abbott Laboratories, guidance regarding refunds and exchanges has been updated. Please see the [more recent communication](#) from Michigan WIC.