

Baby Food Distribution Guidelines

BACKGROUND AND GENERAL DISCUSSION

- ◆ Baby food and infant formula cannot be distributed past its "use-by" date. Do not buy, use or distribute infant formula or baby food past its "use-by" date.
- ◆ As with all food products that are received and distributed by members, baby food should be treated with the same care and consideration as any other product when sorted.
- ◆ The broad requirement for members is to appropriately handle and distribute any food product safely and according to local, state and federal regulations. This chart should be used as a general guideline to help the member determine how to safely handle baby food products.
- ◆ As with any food product that is being sorted, the best guideline for determining if a baby food product can be safely distributed is:

a good knowledge and understanding of food safety, common sense, sound judgment and thorough examination for any kind of contamination or mislabeling of the product.

DEFINITIONS

* Individual Jars

- ◆ Individual jars include - Single Serving, 2 packs and 4 packs of plastic containers or glass jars.
- ◆ cellophane outer wrapper does not need to be intact, however tops on vacuum sealed glass jars must be unpopped and foil seals on plastic jars must be intact and not damaged
- ◆ If a jar or container falls out of the packaging sleeve, it can not be distributed without first being placed back into its original packaging sleeve.

**Store Donation Program

- ◆ Also known as Retail Store Pick-up program and Grocery Store Rescue Program

***Grocery Store Food Drive

- ◆ Food Drives where collection barrels are placed in the grocery stores to collect food



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		Received From			
Product Type	<i>(regulations require a date on these products.)</i>	Grocery Store Food Drives***, Community Food Drives or Individual Donations	Store Donation Program**	Food Manufacturing Company	Grocery Distribution Center or Reclamation Center
Glass/Plastic Jars of Baby Food	Full cases with packaging intact	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can Distribute
	Individual jars*	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Throw out
Ready-to-eat formula in metal cans	Full cases with packaging intact	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute
	Individual cans	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute
Powdered formula in cardboard or metal cans	Full cases with packaging intact	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute
	Individual cans	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute
Box of individual formula servings	Full cases with packaging intact	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute
	Individual boxes	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute
Liquid concentrated formula in metal cans	Full cases with packaging intact	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute
	Individual boxes	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute
Dry Cereal in cans	Full cases with packaging intact	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute
	Individual cans	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute
Juice/Electrolyte in bottles and jars	Full cases with packaging intact	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can Distribute
	Individual bottles and jars	Can Distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Throw out
Dry cereal in boxes with cellophane wrap	Full cases with packaging intact	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute
	Individual boxes	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute
	Individual boxes with damaged wrap and box intact	Throw out	Throw out	Throw out	Throw out
Teething biscuits in boxes	Full cases with packaging intact	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute
	Individual boxes	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute	Can distribute
	Individual boxes with damaged wrap and box intact	Throw out	Throw out	Throw out	Throw out

