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**MATTERS REFERRED BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION
AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES**

COMMENTS FROM:

INTERNATIONAL BABY FOOD ACTION NETWORK (IBFAN)

**MATTERS REFERRED BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION
AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES****INTERNATIONAL BABY FOOD ACTION NETWORK (IBFAN):****1. CCNFSU****Proposed Draft Recommendations on the Scientific Basis of Health Claims**

IBFAN is opposed in principle to the use of nutrition and health claims for food labelling and promotions, as these are means of glamorizing foods and are difficult to substantiate in an independent, scientific manner. IBFAN's position is that the nutritional well being of infants and young children is too important to be influenced by marketing objectives. Nutrition education and recommendations should be independent of commercial interests and are the responsibility of health departments. IBFAN's position is that no nutrition and health claims be permitted for infant formulas and foods for infants and young children.