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UNICEF Food Safety Policy

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Purpose
To define UNICEF’s commitment for maintaining a food safety management system that ensures the safety of specialized nutritional food products destined for national or UNICEF supported programs.
The 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child recognizes the right of all children to the highest attainable standard of health, and specifically refers to the right to access health care that combats malnutrition. It is UNICEF’s responsibility to ensure that the specialized nutritional food products supplied for the treatment and prevention of under-nutrition are safe, of high quality and that the risk of substandard products within the supply chain is minimized.

UNICEF provides specialized nutritional foods to governments and partners to be used by beneficiaries. UNICEF's beneficiaries include infants and children affected by, or at risk of acute malnutrition, stunting or micronutrient deficiencies. In special circumstances UNICEF also supplies foods for adult populations. These specialized nutritional products are distributed in multiple countries throughout the world and are often life-saving interventions.

UNICEF Supply Division commits to procure and deliver specialized nutritional food products of high quality to meet beneficiaries' needs that are compliant to international standards and regulations and that support sound infant and young children feeding practices. A high quality specialized food product has the attributes of good bioavailability of nutrients to ensure effectiveness, is chemically and microbiologically safe, maintains an appropriate shelf life and is palatable to the target population and meet specifications.

UNICEF Supply Division recognizes that procurement and supply of specialized nutritional food products to vulnerable populations such as children and pregnant women is associated with certain risks. Implementation of UNICEF’s food safety policy will be guided by quality risk management principles as outlined in the Codex risk analysis framework, to protect the most vulnerable beneficiaries from food borne hazards. The Codex risk analysis framework consists of three iterative principles of based risk assessment, risk management and risk communication.

Risk Assessment
UNICEF conducts product evaluations and inspections of manufacturer’s facilities prior to procurement as important measures in risk assessment of potential food quality issues. Our procedures, processes and decision making are focused on the prevention of food safety events, to protect the recipients of specialized food supplies.
UNICEF recognizes the importance of assessing the whole supply chain in ensuring food safety, including ingredient material qualification, food production and processing, transport, storage, preparation and consumption. UNICEF commits to ensuring the safety of food at all steps in the food chain.

Risk Management
UNICEF Supply Division will ensure food safety by requiring a high standard of quality from its supply partners, starting from raw materials to movement of the finished product throughout the supply chain. UNICEF’s requirement for full traceability of processes and ingredient inputs from suppliers helps to ensure quality control at every stage of production. This requirement also allows for tracing back and identifying source of contamination or disease should a food safety event occur, and help prevent such occurrences in the future.

Risk Communication
Communication to those engaged in the distribution and administration of specialised nutritional foods provided is an essential part of ensuring food safety. UNICEF commits to being transparent with its partners, governments and donors in communicating information about food safety issues in order that the protection of public health is held as the first priority, and to support effective decision making.

Responsibilities for implementing this Policy lies jointly with UNICEF Supply Division Medicines and Nutrition Centre and the Quality Assurance Centre.