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### **State Health Department Warns Residents Not To Use Infant Formula Manufactured in China**

BISMARCK, N.D. – In conjunction with an alert from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the North Dakota Department of Health is warning residents not to use infant formula manufactured in China, according to Kenan Bullinger, director of the department's Division of Food and Lodging.

On Sept. 12, 2008, the FDA urged consumers to avoid feeding to infants all formula manufactured in China after reports of babies becoming seriously ill with kidney problems. The illnesses may be linked to the chemical melamine, a chemical used in plastics.

According to the FDA, there is no known threat of contamination in infant formula manufactured by companies that have met the requirements to sell infant formulas in the United States. The following companies have met the necessary FDA requirements for marketing milk-based infant formulas in the United States: Abbott Nutritionals, Mead Johnson Nutritionals, Nestle USA, PBM Nutritionals, and Solus Procuets LLC. Also one manufacturer, SHS/Nutrica, Liverpool, England, markets an amino acid based exempt infant formula that does not contain any milk-derived ingredients.

“Even though the Chinese infant formula cannot be sold legally in the United States, we are concerned that some people may have purchased some on a trip overseas or at an ethnic food market,” Bullinger said. “If that is the case, parents should not feed it to their babies and should throw it away immediately.”

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The North Dakota Department of Health is working with the FDA and the state's local public health units to ensure that Chinese infant formula is not on the shelves of any ethnic food markets in North Dakota.

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