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To our customers:

### Report regarding Morinaga infant formula in Hong Kong

On August 8, 2012 the Centre for Food Safety reported that Morinaga infant formula does not meet the FAO/WHO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization) Codex standard for iodine.

In Japan, the national government has not established a standard for iodine and does not authorize the addition of iodine to powdered milk. The raw material for Morinaga brand powdered infant formula sold in Japan naturally contains iodine. There have been no reports of problems in the healthy development of infants due to a lack of iodine.

The FAO/WHO Codex prescribes unified international specifications intended to set the standards for products that distributed throughout the world. The standards for products sold in Japan conform to conditions unique to the country; therefore some details of these standards differ from what is contained in the FAO /WHO Codex.

The product identified by the Hong Kong authorities was produced for the domestic Japanese market in compliance with the laws and regulations of Japan. Morinaga will now ascertain the relevant information regarding Hong Kong.

Whenever Morinaga produces products for sale outside Japan, those products are produced in compliance with both the FAO/WHO Codex and the regulations of the countries in which the products are sold. Accordingly, there are no quality issues or problems with these products.

Morinaga Milk highly values your patronage and looks forward to continue serving you in the future.

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