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Report Highlights:

Health Canada opened public consultations on proposed compositional requirements for infant foods and foods currently regulated as foods for special dietary use. Interested stakeholders may submit their comments until December 23, 2024.

On October 23, 2024, the federal government [initiated](#) a public comment period to seek stakeholder views on [proposed compositional requirements](#) for:

- infant formula
- medical foods for ages one or more
- medical foods represented as a total diet replacement for weight reduction
- conventional infant foods (such as infant cereals and fruit purees)
- gluten-free foods
- formulated nutritional foods (currently regulated as meal replacements and nutritional supplements).

Stakeholders interested in providing comments may do so **until December 23, 2024**, at the following coordinates:

By email: bns-bsn@hc-sc.gc.ca

By mail: Bureau of Nutritional Sciences, Food and Nutrition Directorate
Health Products and Food Branch, Health Canada
251 Sir Frederick Banting Driveway
Mail stop 2203E, Ottawa, ON K1A 0K9

This new consultation follows up on Health Canada's pre-consultation from November 2023 (for additional information please see GAIN report [CA2023-0057](#)), which detailed on the proposal to restructure the current regulatory framework for foods for special dietary use (FSDU), and infant foods, by replacing FSDU with "food for a special dietary purpose" (FSDP), coupled with establishing compositional and labelling requirements.

The input gathered through this new consultation will help Health Canada in the development of draft regulations, which are anticipated to be published in the Canada Gazette, Part I, for public comment, in spring 2026.

Attachments:

No Attachments.