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Sub: *Violation of Section 9 (2) of the IMS Act – ABBOTT INDIA is one of the sponsors of the CIAP Conference from 4-7 Feb, 2021.*

Dear Mr. Bhushan,

Please refer to your letter D.O. No. Z-28020/47/2017-CH Part (6) dated 18th August, 2020.

I wish to inform you about the continued violation of the “The Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production, Supply & Distribution) Act 1992, and Amendment Act 2003” (IMS Act).

Abbott India is listed as a sponsor of the annual conference of central IAP, it attracts Section 9(2) of the IMS Act. Section 9(2) of IMS Act states, “No producer, supplier or distributor referred to in sub-section (1), shall offer or give any contribution or pecuniary benefit to a health worker or any association of health workers, including funding of seminar, meeting, conferences, educational course, contest, fellowship, research work or sponsorship.”

The evidence(pasted below)is taken from the official announcement brochure that has gone to all members of IAP, via Whatsapp groups. This is in spite of your DO letter (attached for ready reference), wherein you had requested “ensure that such incidences never take place in future”

Whatever may be the perception of Abbot being a pharmaceutical company, Abbot India is a “producer” of “infant milk substitute”, and according to a simple Google search “Similac” –an infant milk substitute is their well-known brand.

Since the offence is cognizable, BPNI reiterates that an investigation may be ordered and launch prosecution if needed, as inadequate responses are not helpful at all.

With regards, and look forward to your kind response.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Arun Gupta MD FIAP
Central Coordinator, BPNI
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CC to Ms. Vandana Gurnani, ASMD MOHFW for information and appropriate action



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Government of India
Department of Health and Family Welfare
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D.O. No. Z-28020/47/2017-CH Part(6)
18th August, 2020

This is in reference to the letter no. BPNI/IMS Act/2020/020 dated the 14th August 2020 (copy attached) received from Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India (BPNI) regarding the violation of the IMS Act provisions in which it is informed that four webinars have been organized by your organizations (*List of conducted webinars attached*).

India enacted "The Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production, Supply & Distribution) Act 1992, and Amendment Act 2003" (IMS Act) wherein an offense committed is cognizable.

It is clearly stated under section 9(2) of the IMS Act that "No producer, supplier or distributor referred to in sub-section (1), shall offer or give any contribution or pecuniary benefit to a health worker or any association of health workers, including funding of seminar, meeting, conferences, educational course, contest, fellowship, research work or sponsorship."

In this regard, you are requested to clarify the reason behind organizing such webinars which appear to be directly violating the IMS Act provisions. You are also requested to take prompt and necessary action to comply with the provisions of the IMS Act and to ensure that such incidences never take place in future.

Yours sincerely
(Rajesh Bhushan)

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Copy to:

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2. Dr.Arun Gupta, Country Coordinator, BPNI.


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