Main International Standards Which Support the Globalization of Infant Formula

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The Codex Alimentarius is the international standard created in order to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the international food trade. The importance of Codex Alimentarius has increased greatly; as a result of the vast expansion of the global trade in food. The overall, revised Codex standards for infant formula came into force in 2007. Taking this opportunity, many nations formulated national standards or regulations in line with these revised Codex standards.

In addition to Codex standards, the infant formula regulations in the EU and in the USA are widely accepted internationally. Here, I will summarize the course of development of these standards and also present a series of scientific reports about the nutritional requirements for infant formula.