



Talking Points for Parents

Informal Milk Sharing

Risk of bacterial and viral contamination

Risk of contamination with environmental toxins

Illegally Imported European Infant Formula

Bypasses the safety regulations of the Infant Formula Act

Different scoop sizes and mixing instructions

“Hypoallergenic” contains only partially hydrolyzed protein

Recalls may not reach US in timely manner

Label may not be in English

Toddler Formula

Does not need to meet the nutrition, labeling or quality requirements of the Infant Formula Act

Most toddlers do not need these formulas

Nutritional composition is not well defined

Homemade Infant Formula

Lacks essential nutrients for proper infant growth

Clinical reports of malnutrition

Risk of bacterial contamination when unpasteurized milk is used

Risk of caregiver measuring ingredients incorrectly

Risk of contamination if caregiver doesn't handle ingredients properly