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Guidelines for Documenting Exceptions to ADS 212.3.2

Please provide the following information when documenting exceptions to ADS 212.3.2, USAID Breastfeeding Policy:

1. Name of Cognizant Technical Officer (CTO) preparing notification of exception

2. Funding source for exception

3. Date notification prepared (today's date)

4. Reason exception is necessary

If the exception is to increase child survival, how will purchasing or transporting breastmilk substitutes increase child survival? If the exception is to support research, attach a copy of the final protocol with approvals from all institutional review boards and describe steps to comply with 22 CFR 225.

5. Compliance with the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes (articles 4 through 11)

Notification should include a description of how you will comply with each element of the Code. Of utmost concern are paragraphs 6.6, 6.7, and 6.8, which address donated supplies; Article 9 on labeling; and Article 10 on product quality.

6. Steps taken to ensure, or evidence that

- a. breastmilk substitutes can be used safely,**
- b. preparation is affordable, and**
- c. substitutes will be properly prepared and given**

7. Monitoring

Describe both the process and frequency of monitoring. If there is evidence of non-compliance with ADS 212, CTO must both notify the Bureau for Policy and Program Coordination, Office of Policy Development and Coordination (PPC/PDC) and seek technical input from the Bureau for Global Health (GH), or terminate funding.

8. Signatures

The notification must be signed and dated by the CTO preparing the notification and by the PPC/PDC reviewer.