

F.No. 11/266/2015-ND-TECH (e-9738)
Government of India
Ministry of Women and Child Development

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
dated the 8th January, 2018

To,
M/s Abbott Healthcare Pvt. Ltd
16th Floor, Godrej BKC,
Plot - C, "G" Block,
Bandra-Kurla Complex,
Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051
India

Subject - Violation of Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant foods (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1992 as Amended in 2003 (IMS Act)- reg.

Sir,

The matter is regarding a complaint reported to Ministry of Women and Child Development regarding violation of Section 9 under the **Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant foods (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1992 as Amended in 2003 (IMS Act)** by M/s Abbott Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.

2. It is to highlight that IMS Act, 2003 prohibits sponsorship of conference of health professional under section 9 of the IMS Act as under:

(1) No person who produces, supplies, distributes or sells infant milk substitutes or feeding bottles or infant foods shall offer or give, directly or indirectly, any financial inducements or gifts to a health worker or to any member of his family for the purpose of promoting the use of such substitutes or bottles or foods.

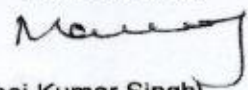
(2) No producer, supplier or distributor referred to in sub-section (1), shall offer or give any contribution or pecuniary benefit to a health worker or any association of health workers, including funding of seminar, meeting, conferences, educational course, contest, fellowship, research work or sponsorship.

3. M/s Abbott Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. has violated the above mentioned section by sponsoring the 37th annual convention of the National Neonatology Forum (NNF) of India organized by Haryana branch of NNF on 7-10 December at Gurugram.

4. In this regard you are requested to kindly explain as to why appropriate action may not be initiated against you for the said violation.

5. Your reply may be submitted to the undersigned within 15 days of the receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,



(Manoj Kumar Singh)

Director

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