



Fact Sheet

Abbott's Commitment to Quality and Safety

Abbott is a global quality leader with a proven track record of safety. Abbott Manufacturing Singapore employs world-class process controls and practices consistent with those used in all of Abbott's facilities around the world.

Ingredient and product safety: Abbott ensures that its products meet international safety standards. Abbott's infant and follow-on formulas are produced with high-quality milk and milk protein sourced from top-quality suppliers in Europe and New Zealand.

Supplier qualification and monitoring: Abbott suppliers must meet applicable local regulatory requirements and undergo a rigorous qualification process before Abbott purchases ingredients from them. Prior to use, the company assesses each lot of ingredients to ensure compliance with Abbott's purity and identity specifications.

Advanced laboratories: Abbott Manufacturing Singapore houses state-of-the-art microbiology, analytical and sampling laboratories. Abbott keeps a record of every test conducted on its products.

Staff training: Abbott Manufacturing Singapore employees receive extensive training on safety and quality protocols, as well as Abbott's values and philosophy.

- The facility offered more than 7,000 training sessions in 2008.
- Of the plant's 300 employees, 50 are solely devoted to quality assurance.

Testing: Product quality and integrity are tested at every stage – from selection and approval of ingredients throughout production – and at regular intervals during a product's shelf life. This testing includes significant ingredient and microbacterial analysis. Each batch of product undergoes 1,500 quality checks before it is released for sale.

State-of-the-art manufacturing: Abbott Manufacturing Singapore is fully certified according to Good Manufacturing Practices and shares best practices with Abbott plants around the world.

The same product quality: Abbott products made in Singapore contain the same high-quality ingredients and undergo the same testing standards as Abbott products made anywhere else in the world.

Compliance with quality measures: Abbott meets or exceeds applicable local regulatory requirements, as well as quality guidelines and protocols issued by numerous international authorities including the Codex Alimentarius Commission.