



To Our Valued Partner

I am touching base with you regarding media coverage you may have seen covering a Congressional report examining the levels of naturally occurring heavy metals such as lead and arsenic in baby food. Earth's Best Organic was mentioned along with several other major baby food makers.

As you may know, this issue has been raised at various times over the past few years. At each turn, we have taken steps individually as a company, collectively with others in our industry, and with government regulators to enhance safety standards and ensure compliance.

In addition to complying with those standards, we are continuously improving our supply chain by working with our suppliers and federal safety regulators and deploying the most scientifically advanced testing methods. We have also modified our formulas, increased testing of inbound materials and finished goods and strengthened our internal processes to ensure **ALL** our products meet or exceed rigorous safety and nutrition regulations and comply with federal guidelines.

It is important to note that heavy metals such as lead and arsenic occur naturally in any growing environment, specifically in soil and rainwater. As a certified organic brand, we don't use any pesticides that may contribute to increased levels of metal. That said, we continue working with the Baby Food Council to continue to reduce the levels of heavy metals across the industry. These efforts are ongoing and done in collaboration with other baby food manufacturers, the Environmental Defense Fund, Cornell University, the Food and Drug Administration and the Department of Agriculture, as well with our suppliers.

We appreciate the trust and confidence you have put in us as a supplier. We will continue to ensure our products meet or exceed all federal guidelines and that you can sell them with confidence.

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to [technicaltraderequests@hain.com](mailto:technicaltraderequests@hain.com).

Sincerely,

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