

# **WHA Resolutions relevant to the Code 1981-2022**

## **Summary with links**

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Summary of WHA Resolutions (1981-2022)	
<a href="#">WHA 34.22 (1981)</a>	Resolution introducing the International Code of Marketing Breastmilk Substitutes
<a href="#">WHA 35.26 (1982)</a>	Affirms that marketing increases artificial feeding
<a href="#">WHA 37.30 (1984)</a>	Calls on Member States to implement the Code
<a href="#">WHA 39.28 (1986)</a>	Instructs that infant formula needed should not be procured through subsidized or free supplies, no complementary foods should be labelled under 6 months & follow-on milks are not necessary
<a href="#">WHA 41.11 (1988)</a>	Calls on UN to provide technical & implementation support to Member States
<a href="#">WHA 43.3 (1990)</a>	Support for statement which led to Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative & calls again for Member States to implement national measures
<a href="#">WHA 45.34 (1992)</a>	Calls on member nations to appoint a national breastfeeding coordinator and establish a multisectoral national breastfeeding committee; implement Baby-Friendly; end discounted or donated supplies of BMS to maternity care facilities; reinforce maternity protections in the workplace.
<a href="#">WHA 47.5 (1994)</a>	Confirms that free and subsidized infant formula should not be used in health care system & includes guidelines for donations in emergencies
<a href="#">WHA 49.15 (1996)</a>	Instructs that complementary foods should not be marketed in a way that interferes with breastfeeding, that health professionals should avoid financial support that creates conflicts of interest and independent, transparent Code monitoring should occur
<a href="#">WHA 54.2 (2001)</a>	States that breastfeeding should be exclusive up to 6 months and maintained to 24 months and beyond
<a href="#">WHA 55.25 (2002)</a>	Endorses the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative, which requires industry to comply with the Code and ensure its product meet quality standards. Also, calls attention to artificial infant feeding as a cause for obesity & risk of micronutrient supplementation interfering with breastfeeding
<a href="#">WHA 58.32 (2005)</a>	Instructs Member States on breastmilk substitute labelling with

	respect to health/nutrition claims and intrinsic powder contamination, as well as conflicts of interest with health providers
<a href="#">WHA 59.11 (2006)</a>	Warning on the risk of promotion or distribution of breastmilk substitutes in the HIV response
<a href="#">WHA 61.20 (2008)</a>	Encourages the consideration of donor milk and reiterates the call for national legislation and implementation of the Code by Member States
<a href="#">WHA 63.23 (2010)</a>	Reiterates call for implementation of the Code by Member States, including the inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children and donation and distribution of breastmilk substitutes in emergencies
<a href="#">WHA 65.60 (2012)</a>	Asks Member States to implement the plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition, including controls on the marketing of breastmilk substitutes and mechanisms to prevent conflicts of interest with health care workers. Asks the Director general for clarification on which foods are covered under 63.23 and also for implementation assistance for Member States.
<a href="#">WHA 69.9 (2016)</a>	Provides substantial guidance on complementary foods and conflicts of interest, including calling both media and civil society to support the application of the Code. Calls on the UN to provide support, reporting of the current state of implementation and promote cooperative action among agencies on the Code
<a href="#">WHA71.9 (2018)</a>	Updated commitments to the renewed Baby-Friendly Hospital initiative, which includes strengthened provisions for the Code.
<a href="#">WHA73.26 (2020)</a>	Called on the WHO to report the impact of digital marketing strategies on the promotion of breast-milk substitutes.
<a href="#">WHA75.21 (2022)</a>	Develop guidance for Member States on regulatory measures aimed at restricting the digital marketing of breast-milk substitutes.

Source: World Health Organization. WHA Resolutions.

[https://www.who.int/teams/nutrition-and-food-safety/food-and-nutrition-actions-in-health-systems/code-and-subsequent-resolutions?fbclid=IwAR1ArYVzN6TEgOhUS6X\\_7VpwAPWPAKmJHZvLDznqhEmJioQJxpuRt5Os7As](https://www.who.int/teams/nutrition-and-food-safety/food-and-nutrition-actions-in-health-systems/code-and-subsequent-resolutions?fbclid=IwAR1ArYVzN6TEgOhUS6X_7VpwAPWPAKmJHZvLDznqhEmJioQJxpuRt5Os7As)

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