

Mead Johnson

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Rabbi S. Blumenkrantz  
Vaad Hakashrus  
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Brooklyn, NY 11228

Dear Rabbi Blumenkrantz:

Thank you for writing and inquiring about the ingredient derivatives and process used to produce Nutramigen. The following are my answers to your four specific questions:

1. Yes, cow's milk casein is used in this product.
2. Yes, sometimes the corn oil used in Nutramigen is that which is derived from yellow corn. Our purchasing agreement with vendors does not specify which variety of corn oil specifically; therefore, we assume that the yellow corn derivative is sometimes used.
3. Yes, the enzymes used in treating the casein is of animal derivative. Our treating processes are considered confidential as are those of other manufacturers.
4. Besides casein, Nutramigen also includes sucrose (cane sugar derivative) and starch (tapioca origin).

Because of the process used in producing Nutramigen, the product cannot and is not certified as Kosher. Our market managers have worked closely with the Kashruth Division of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America to obtain certification of as many of our products as possible. The Kosher symbol O-U appears on those products which have been approved.

We appreciate your concern in this matter. Once again, thank you for taking the time to inquire.

Sincerely,

  
David E. Dubber  
Consumer Affairs Associate

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