

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: BABY FOOD PRODUCTS
LIABILITY LITIGATION

Case No. 24-md-03101-JSC

This document relates to:

PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 17

ALL ACTIONS

Re: Dkt. No. 484

This Order confirms the matters discussed during the May 22, 2025 further case management conference.

1. Schedule for Subsequent Rule 12 Motions

For Defendants who have been served with the Amended Master Complaint as of the date of this Order, and for the parties involved in the *Watkins* litigation, the following schedule shall apply to the briefing of Rule 12 motions:

- Motions shall be filed by **June 27, 2025**
- Opposition briefs shall be filed by **July 25**
- Reply briefs shall be filed by **August 14**

Defendants who have been served with the Amended Master Complaint, as of the date of this Order, and who elect **not** to move to dismiss or strike the Amended Master Complaint, the Fourth Amended Petition in *Watkins*, and/or any individual complaint pending in this MDL (served upon such Defendant as of the date of this Order), shall file a notice of intent not to move to dismiss or strike no later than **June 27, 2025**. This pleading shall operate to deny all material allegations in, and assert all affirmative defenses to, the Amended Master Complaint and the Fourth Amended Petition in *Watkins*. The notice of intent shall plead all general affirmative

1 defenses to the Amended Master Complaint.

2 To the extent that any complaint is filed in another jurisdiction subsequent to this Order
3 and is thereafter transferred into the MDL, Section 4 of Pretrial Order No. 3, which provides that
4 Defendants “need not move, plead, or otherwise respond to any Complaint directly filed in this
5 District as a member case of the MDL until so ordered by the Court,” remains in effect, and the
6 Parties shall meet and confer regarding a process and timeline for responding to such complaint.

7 The Court will address timing of Rule 12 motions for Foreign Defendants who have not
8 yet been served at a later case management conference.

9 **2. Further Case Management Conferences**

10 The Court sets the following dates for further case management conferences beyond those
11 already scheduled:

- 12 • September 24, 2025
- 13 • October 23, 2025
- 14 • November 20, 2025

15 Each conference shall take place at 9:00 a.m. in the San Francisco Courthouse, 450 Golden
16 Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102, on the 19th Floor, Courtroom 8.

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18 The Parties’ Stipulation Regarding Schedule and Process For Moving to Dismiss and
19 Answering The Amended Master Complaint and The *Watkins* Fourth Amended Petition is
20 DENIED.

21 This Order disposes of Docket No. 484.

22 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

23 Dated: May 22, 2025

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25 JACQUELINE SCOTT CORLEY
26 United States District Judge
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