

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: BABY FOOD PRODUCTS  
LIABILITY LITIGATION

Case No. 24-md-03101-JSC

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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 19<sup>th</sup> 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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