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ILCA Commends IBLCE Decision on CERPs for Manufacturers Covered by Code

The ILCA Board of Directors commends the IBLCE Board for its decision, announced 25 June 2009, that it will no longer accept for CERPS approval educational programs sponsored by Medela, or any other commercial entity manufacturing products falling under the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes. IBLCE is "committed to removing any possible perception of influence by industry on professional education for its certificants". The conclusions drawn by the IBLCE task force which studied this issue send a prominent message that education for health care providers can be offered without commercial influence. The statement in full may be found at http://www.iblce.org/documentsNEW/CommSponStatement_06.23.09.pdf

Sincerely, for the ILCA Board of Directors,

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