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Manufacturer eyes imports as power cuts curb production

Nestlé South Africa is eyeing baby formula imports from Europe and Asia as ongoing power outages curb output at its South African factories, Reuters news agency reported on Friday.

"To avoid shortages we are implementing precautionary measures that include importing from other Nestlé operations," spokesman Ravi Pillay said.

"Our current stock levels are not at optimum levels due to disruptions caused by operational and infrastructural challenges, including electricity."

The baby food shortages were mentioned in parliament on Wednesday by a government official who spoke with Nestle about the impact regular power outages was having on production, including at its infant nutrition factory.

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