CLAIMS

1. A teat portion for an infant feeding bottle, comprising a body made from a flexible material, the body having an upper surface configured to have a curvature that substantially conforms with a curvature of an infant's hard palate and a substantially flat bottom surface against which the infant's tongue is able to rest to enable the tongue to be flatter so as to more easily make contact with the infant's cheeks during feeding.

2. A teat portion according to claim 1, wherein an orifice is located at a distal end of the body such that when the body is taken into the mouth of the infant, the orifice is positioned to deliver fluid near the hard/soft palate interface of the infant's mouth.

3~~1~~. A dispensing unit for an infant feeding bottle, comprising:

a flexible teat portion according to claim 1 configured to be at least partially received within an infant’s mouth; and

a collar portion configured to be attachable to the infant feeding bottle;

wherein both the flexible teat portion and the collar portion are integrally formed such that ~~the~~ an internal surface of the unit is substantially continuous.

4~~2~~. A dispensing unit according to claim ~~1~~ 3, wherein the collar portion is made from a hard plastic material and comprises an internal surface configured to engage with the feeding bottle to be securely attached thereto.

5~~3~~. A dispensing unit according to claim ~~2~~ 4, wherein the internal surface includes a screw thread configured to engage with a complementary screw thread provided on the feeding bottle to facilitate a screwed engagement therebetween.

6~~4~~. A dispensing unit according to claim ~~3~~ 5, wherein the engagement between the collar portion and the feeding bottle occurs independently of the flexible teat portion.

7~~5~~. A dispensing unit according to claim ~~1~~ 3, wherein the flexible teat portion is configured to extend at least partially over an external surface of the collar portion.

~~6. A dispensing unit according to claim 1, wherein the teat portion comprises a body made from a flexible material, the body having an upper surface configured to have a curvature that substantially conforms with a curvature of an infant's hard palate and a substantially flat bottom surface configured to receive the infant's tongue during feeding.~~

~~7. A dispensing unit according to claim 6, wherein an orifice is located at a distal end of the body such that when the body is taken into the mouth of the infant, the orifice is positioned to deliver fluid near the hard/soft palate interface of the infant's mouth.~~

~~8. A dispensing unit according to claim 6, wherein the body is configured to be received within the infant's mouth during use and wherein the upper surface comprises a substantially concave portion and the bottom surface comprises a substantially concave portion and wherein an outlet is located at a distal end of the body for delivering fluid to the infant, whereby the point of inflection of the substantially concave portion of the upper surface upper is offset closer to the outlet then the point of inflection of the substantially concave portion of the bottom surface.~~