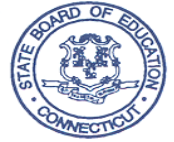




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TO: Sponsors of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

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DATE: April 23, 2012

SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #20-12
Formulated Grain-Fruit Products

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) published *Nutrition Standards for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs* on January 26, 2012. This final rule removes “Section I. Formulated Grain-Fruit Products” from Appendix A to Part 220 – Alternate Foods for Meals (attached).

Beginning July 1, 2012 (school year 2012-13), formulated grain-fruit products will no longer be allowed to meet both the grain and fruit components for the School Breakfast Program (SBP). These products were formulated to meet the grain and fruit components of the meal pattern through fortification without the addition of any actual fruit ingredients, at a time when the adequacy of cooking and serving facilities were of concern for students participating in the SBP.

Formulated grain-fruit products are specific products that are manufactured to meet the requirements addressed in Appendix A to Part 220 and should not be confused with products that are currently on the market that contain grain and fruit. This change does not affect the crediting of traditional grain-fruit bars listed in *Serving Sizes for Grains in School Nutrition Programs* (http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/deps/nutrition/nslp/servingsgb_snp.pdf). These products may still be served accordingly.

Formulated grain-fruit products are specific products that have been accepted by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) for use in the USDA Child Nutrition Programs to meet one bread/bread alternate and the fruit/vegetable requirement in the breakfast meal pattern. According to Appendix A to Part 220, formulated grain-fruit products must be individually wrapped and bear a label conforming to the following legend:

“This product conforms to U.S.D.A. Child Nutrition Programs specifications. For breakfast, it meets the requirements for fruit/vegetable/juice and one bread/bread alternate.”

If the product does not bear this legend, it is not a formulated grain-fruit product.

Products that were formally authorized to bear the formulated grain-fruit statement and that meet the grains requirements may be used accordingly. However, these formulated grain-fruit products will no longer be allowed to count toward the fruit requirement.

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