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VENDOR ALERT 2008-06

TO: ALL WIC GROCERS
SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORIZED FOODS AND ONLINE WAFL

Purpose

I am writing to inform you that beginning August 1, 2008 there will be changes to tuna can sizes. Additionally, I want to make you aware of two clarifications to WIC authorized foods and also that the WIC Authorized Food List (WAFL) will now be available exclusively online.

**Changes to
tuna can sizes**

The canned food industry is changing their tuna can size from 6 ounce to 5 ounce containers. This is effective immediately. Beginning August 2008, the major tuna brands, Bumble Bee, Chicken of the Sea, and StarKist will begin distributing a new 5 ounce can tuna that will replace the current 6 ounce can size. The can size change will be complete for these three major brands no later than January 1, 2009 and private labels are expected to follow. Participants can purchase tuna in 5 or 6 ounce cans until the supply of 6 ounce tuna is no longer available. Starting August 1, 2008 food instruments (FI) will be changed to allow participants to buy either 5 or 6 ounce cans of tuna.

**Clarifications
to two
authorized
foods**

The revised shopping guide that became available in June 2008 included the addition of Kellogg's Unfrosted Mini-Wheats. This line addition was added to increase participant choice and offer an appropriate cereal for our participants with gestational diabetes.

**WIC
Authorized
Food List**

In June 2008, the juice page of our shopping guide was updated to reflect our any brand juice authorization policy. To clarify, the juice page identifies that vegetable cocktail is an approved flavor of juice; however, we want to make it clear that low sodium vegetable cocktail is an approved product. This fact is reflected in the WIC Authorized Food List (WAFL).



**WIC
Authorized
Food List
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The WAFL provides detailed information about what can and cannot be purchased with Food Instruments (FIs). In the past, the WAFL was a printed document that could be ordered. The WAFL will no longer be available in hard copy but can be accessed and downloaded through our website. This will enable us to make timely revisions and ensure that you have access to up-to-date information. You can download and print the WAFL by going to the WIC website, www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/wicworks/pages/default.aspx, and clicking "WIC Authorized Food List".

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact your vendor contract analyst or call (916) 928-8705.



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