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VENDOR ALERT 2010-03

TO: ALL WIC VENDORS

SUBJECT: REVISED VENDOR MINIMUM STOCKING REQUIREMENT
EFFECTIVE APRIL 5, 2010

Purpose I am writing to inform you of the upcoming revisions in the California Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program's Vendor Minimum Stocking Requirement. The revised Vendor Minimum Stocking Requirement for all authorized vendors will be effective on April 5, 2010.

Background Food changes in the WIC Authorized Food List Shopping Guide (WAFL SG), effective April 5, 2010, have required revisions to vendor minimum stocking requirements. The food categories with revised stocking requirements are milk, infant fruits and vegetables and infant formula. Additionally, there will be a new food category, fresh bananas, that vendors will be required to stock.

Authorization Criteria – Grounds for Termination of Vendor Agreement The minimum stocking requirement is a part of vendor authorization criteria. Pursuant to federal regulations and your Vendor Agreement, a vendor must comply with all authorization criteria, including any changes, during the term of their Vendor Agreement. Failure to do so would be grounds for termination of your Vendor Agreement and denial of authorization to accept and redeem food instruments (FI).

On April 5, 2010, and continually thereafter until notified of any changes by the WIC Program, vendors must comply with the "Effective April 5, 2010 Vendor Minimum Stocking Requirement". A copy of this document is enclosed for your reference. The revised "Effective April 5, 2010 Vendor Minimum Stocking Requirement" is also accessible on WIC's website, www.wicworks.ca.gov.

Revised Vendor Minimum Stocking Requirements

The following information is a summary of revisions to the vendor minimum stocking requirements effective April 5, 2010 for all authorized vendors:

New:

FRESH BANANAS food category: 4 fresh yellow bananas

Change:

MILK food category: One quart of whole milk



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**Revised
Vendor
Minimum
Stocking
Requirements
(Continued)**

INFANT FRUITS AND VEGETABLES food category: (60) 4-oz containers and (68) 3.5 oz containers

INFANT FORMULA food category: Minimum stocking either: Enfamil ProSobee and Enfamil LIPIL with Iron; or Enfamil ProSobee and Enfamil PREMIUM LIPIL. These formulas may be stocked either in 34 cans of liquid concentrate or 10 cans of powdered in the authorized can size listed in the WAFL SG for that specific formula. Vendors cannot mix liquid concentrated and powdered forms to meet the minimum stocking requirement.

**What Has
Not Changed**

As you are already aware, the minimum stocking requirement is an authorization criterion which must be continually met in order to become and remain an authorized WIC vendor. Every authorized vendor must stock each food category and quantity according to the Vendor Minimum Stocking Requirement. However, vendors are not required to stock every single food item eligible for purchase with a food instrument. Additionally, there are choices within certain food categories (e.g., Whole Grain) allowing vendors to decide how they can meet the minimum stocking requirement.

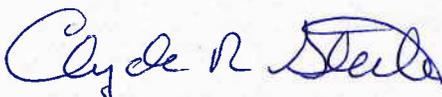
Vendors are responsible to know their clientele and to ensure that their shelves are sufficiently stocked to meet the minimum stocking requirements at all times, regardless of how many participants shop at their store. Food items cannot be in storage, on-order awaiting delivery, or in the stockroom, but must be maintained on their shelves at all times.

**Refer to the
WAFL SG**

For detailed information regarding the WIC authorized foods and product specifications, please refer to the April 5, 2010 WIC Authorized Food List Shopping Guide (WAFL SG). The April 5, 2010 WAFL SG is accessible on WIC's website at www.wicworks.ca.gov. You may also order WAFL SG booklets. Please refer to Vendor Alert 2009-12 "Update on Procedures for Ordering Vendor Materials" for information on how to obtain copies of the new WAFL SG, WIC shelf talkers, and other free vendor materials.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding minimum stocking requirements, please contact your WIC Vendor Consultant directly or call (916) 928-8705.



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Enclosure: "Effective April 5, 2010 Vendor Minimum Stocking Requirement"

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VENDOR MINIMUM STOCKING REQUIREMENT

Refer to the WIC Authorized Food List Shopping Guide April 5, 2010, for product specifications

<p>FOOD CATEGORY: MILK</p> <p>Whole (plain, fluid)..... (3) one gallons and (1) quart</p> <p align="center">AND</p> <p>2% or 1% or nonfat (plain, fluid) (8) one gallons and (2) half gallons and (1) quart</p>	<p>FOOD CATEGORIES: BOTTLED JUICE AND CONCENTRATE JUICE</p> <p>Any authorized flavor..... (3) 11.5 or 12-ounce concentrate juice</p> <p align="center">AND</p> <p>Any authorized flavor..... (2) 64-ounce bottled juice</p> <p align="center">OR</p> <p>(2) 16-ounce concentrate juice</p>
<p>FOOD CATEGORY: CHEESE</p> <p>..... (3) 1 pound packages of any combination of authorized types</p>	<p>FOOD CATEGORY: FRUITS AND VEGETABLES</p> <p>Fresh only..... \$16 worth of a combination of 2 varieties of fruits and 2 varieties of vegetables</p>
<p>FOOD CATEGORY: EGGS</p> <p>..... 3 dozen</p>	<p>FOOD CATEGORY: INFANT FRUITS AND VEGETABLES</p> <p>..... (60) 4-ounce containers</p> <p align="center">OR</p> <p>(68) 3.5-ounce containers</p>
<p>FOOD CATEGORY: DRY BEANS, PEAS OR LENTILS</p> <p>..... 3 pounds of any combination in 1 pound packages or 3 pounds in bulk</p>	<p>FOOD CATEGORY: FRESH BANANAS</p> <p>Fresh only..... (4) yellow bananas</p>
<p>FOOD CATEGORY: PEANUT BUTTER</p> <p>..... (2) 16 to 18-ounce jars</p>	<p>FOOD CATEGORY: INFANT MEATS</p> <p>..... (31) 2.5-ounce containers</p>
<p>FOOD CATEGORY: BREAKFAST CEREAL</p> <p>..... 2 boxes each of any four authorized types of cereals, one of which must be whole grain</p>	<p>FOOD CATEGORY: INFANT CEREAL</p> <p>..... (3) 8-ounce boxes of authorized infant cereal</p>
<p>FOOD CATEGORY: CANNED FISH</p> <p>Tuna..... (6) 5 ounce cans</p> <p align="center">OR</p> <p>(5) 6 ounce cans</p>	<p>FOOD CATEGORY: INFANT FORMULA</p> <p>Minimum stocking either: Enfamil ProSobee LIPIL and Enfamil LIPIL with Iron Or Enfamil ProSobee Lipil and Enfamil PREMIUM LIPIL</p> <p>Enfamil ProSobee LIPIL (soy-based)..... (34) 13-ounce cans in concentrate form OR (10) 12.9-ounce cans in powdered form</p> <p align="center">AND</p> <p>Enfamil LIPIL with Iron (milk-based)..... (34) 13-ounce cans in concentrate form OR (10) 12.9-ounce cans in powdered form</p> <p align="center">OR</p> <p>Enfamil PREMIUM LIPIL (milk-based)..... (34) 13-ounce cans in concentrate form OR (10) 12.5-ounce cans in powdered form</p>
<p>FOOD CATEGORY: WHOLE GRAIN</p> <p>"100% whole wheat" bread in the form of loaves, rolls, or buns..... (3) 1-pound packages</p> <p align="center">OR</p> <p>Soft corn tortillas (white or yellow)..... (3) 1-pound packages</p> <p align="center">OR</p> <p>Oatmeal or Oats..... (3) 1-pound packages or 3 pounds in bulk</p> <p align="center">OR</p> <p>Brown rice..... (3) 1-pound packages or 3 pounds in bulk</p>	