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**VENDOR ALERT 2010-07**

**TO:** ALL WIC VENDORS

**SUBJECT:** INFANT FOOD CONTAINER CLARIFICATION: HOW TO COUNT CONTAINERS AS INDIVIDUAL SINGLE CONTAINERS

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**Purpose** I am writing to clarify how to count the infant food containers for **INFANT FRUITS and VEGETABLES** and **INFANT MEATS**. It has come to our attention that there may be some confusion as how to count infant food multi-packs.

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**Background** As of April 5, 2010, the WIC Food Instrument (FI) no longer includes the term “multi-packs”. Instead, the FI specifies exactly how many containers may be redeemed. This is to accommodate a variety of packaging available for the infant food containers. **INFANT FRUITS and VEGETABLES** are approved in 3.5 oz or 4 oz containers. **INFANT MEATS** are approved in 2.5 oz containers. **ALL** of the approved infant food containers may be sold as an individual, single container or be included in a multi-pack.

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**Helpful Tips for Vendors** For **INFANT FRUITS and VEGETABLES**, each 3.5 oz or 4 oz container in a multipack counts as a single container. Each 2.5 oz container of **INFANT MEATS** in a multi-pack counts as a container. If the FI states under *What to buy*: 18 containers, then regardless of how they may be packaged, a total of **18 single containers** should be redeemed. For example, if an FI lists 18 (3.5 oz) infant fruits & vegetables, a participant can purchase nine 2-packs. A 2-pack has two containers that are each 3.5 ounces, therefore purchasing nine 2-packs will equal the full quantity allowed on the FI. (For more examples, please refer to enclosure “Infant Food Multi-Pack Job Aid”).

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**Questions** If you have any questions, please contact your WIC Vendor Consultant directly or call (916) 928-8705.

  
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Enclosures: “Infant Food Multi-Pack Job Aid”



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# Infant Food Multi-Pack Job Aid

Examples for Purchasing 18 Containers

## Possible Combinations of Single or Multi-packs that Equal 18 Containers

Number of Containers Allowed on FI	Individual Container Size	Packaging	Amount to Buy
18	3.5 oz	Single Container	18 single containers
18	3.5 oz	2-pack	9 (2-packs)
18	3.5 oz	4-pack	4 (4-packs) and 1 (2-pack)
18	3.5 oz	6-pack	3 (6-packs) <b>OR</b> 2 (6-pack) and 1 (4-pack) and 1 (2-pack)
18	4 oz	Single Container	18 single containers
18	4 oz	2-pack	9 (2-packs)
18	4 oz	4-pack	4 (4-packs) and 2 (4 oz) single containers
18	4 oz	12-pack	1 (12-pack) and 6 (4 oz) single containers
18	4 oz	18-pack	1 (18-pack)