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VENDOR ALERT 2009-03

TO: ALL WIC VENDORS

SUBJECT: NOTICE TO VENDORS OF THE FEDERAL REVISIONS IN THE WIC FOOD PACKAGES INTERIM RULE

Purpose

I am writing to inform you that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Revisions in the WIC Food Packages Interim Rule was published in the Federal Register / Vol. 72, No. 234, on Thursday, December 6, 2007. You may access an electronic copy of this rule online at:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/regspublished/foodpackages-interimrule.htm> .

Background

The Revisions in the WIC Food Packages Interim Rule implements the first comprehensive revisions to the WIC food packages since 1980. These revised food packages were developed to better reflect current nutrition science and dietary recommendations for Americans.

Vendor Implications

The new food packages will be effective October 1, 2009 and will result in:

- New food categories including, fresh, frozen and canned fruits and vegetables; tofu; soy-based beverages; whole grains; and infant foods.
- Participants will receive different quantities of food items.
- New minimum stocking requirements (see attached). The proposed minimum stocking amounts have decreased for cheese, eggs and juice. The proposed minimum stocking amounts have increased for infant formula, tuna and milk.
- Revisions to food instruments (FI), including the creation of a fruit and vegetable FI and incorporating more foods on one check.
- Changes to the Vendor Agreement.

WIC Authorized Food List

We encourage you to review a draft of the proposed California WIC Authorized Food List (WAFL). You may access the draft version of the WAFL at:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/wicworks/Pages/WICNewFoodPackages.aspx> .



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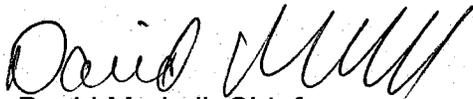
The WIC Program will send a Vendor Alert that will provide information on training opportunities.

Other

We will continue to provide you with updates regarding implementation of the new food packages and other associated changes as they become available.

Questions

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions, please contact your WIC Vendor Consultant at (916) 928-8705.



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Enclosure

Minimum Stocking Requirements

Each vendor must maintain on the shelves at all times the inventory amounts as follows:

Food	Minimum Stocking Requirement (See WAFL for product specifications)
Cow's Milk (Fluid)	(3) Gallons and (1) Half-gallon of whole milk AND (8) Gallons and (2) Half-gallon and (1) Quart of 2% or 1% or nonfat milk
Cheese	(3) 1 pound packages of authorized types of cheese in any combination
Eggs	3 dozen
Juice	(2) 64 oz shelf-stable single strength (any authorized flavor) OR (2) 16 oz frozen concentrate (any authorized flavor) AND (3) 11.5 or 12 oz frozen concentrate (any authorized flavor) OR (3) 11.5 oz shelf-stable concentrate (any authorized flavor)
Dry Beans/Peas/Lentils	3 pounds of any combination of dry beans, peas or lentils in 1 pound packages or 3 pounds in bulk
Peanut Butter	(2) 16-18 oz jars
Canned Fish	(6) 5 oz cans of tuna OR (5) 6 oz cans of tuna
Breakfast Cereal	At least (2) boxes each of any four authorized cereals, one of which must be a whole grain cereal

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Whole Grain	(3) 1 pound packages of "100% whole wheat" bread in the form of loaves, rolls, or buns OR (3) 1 pound packages of soft white or yellow corn tortillas OR (3) 1 pound packages or 3 pounds in bulk of oatmeal or oats OR (3) 1 pound packages of brown rice or 3 pounds in bulk
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	\$16 worth of a combination of 2 varieties of fruits and 2 varieties of vegetables
Infant Fruits and Vegetables	(64) 4 oz jars OR (37) 2 - 3.5 oz. packs (net wt. 7 oz.)
Infant Meats	(31) 2.5 oz jars
Infant Cereals	(3) 8 oz boxes of any combination of authorized infant cereals
Infant Formula	(10) 12.9 oz cans of Enfamil LIPIL with Iron powder OR (34) 13 oz cans of Enfamil LIPIL with Iron liquid concentrate AND (10) 12.9 oz cans of Enfamil ProSobee LIPIL powder OR (34) 13 oz cans of Enfamil ProSobee LIPIL liquid concentrate

Other Foods That Vendors Would Not Be Required To Stock But May Be Allowed On The Food Instruments

(See WAFL for product specifications)

- Quart of whole milk
- Quart and Half-gallon of lactose free whole, 2%, 1%, or nonfat milk
- Powdered dry milk (9.6 oz and 25.6 oz)
- Evaporated milk (12 oz)
- Tofu (12–16 oz)
- Soy-based beverage
(Pacific Natural Foods Ultra Soy, Plain, shelf stable, quart size)
(8th Continent Soymilk, Original, refrigerated, ½ gallon size)
- Canned beans, mature plain (15-16 oz cans)
- Canned pink salmon (6 oz and 14.75 oz cans)
- Canned sardines (15 oz cans)
- Whole wheat tortillas (1 lb package)
- Barley (1 lb bags or in bulk)
- Bulgur (1 lb bags or in bulk)
- Canned fruits and vegetables (any size that costs \$4 or less)
- Frozen fruits and vegetables (any size that costs \$4 or less)
- Enfamil Gentlease LIPIL (12 oz powder)
- Enfamil AR LIPIL (12.9 oz powder)
- Enfamil Enfacare LIPIL (12.8 oz powder)
- Enfamil Nutramigen LIPIL (13 oz concentrate)
- Similac Alimentum Advance (16 oz powder)
- Similac NeoSure Advance (12.9 oz powder)
- Ross PediaSure, vanilla only, no fiber (8 oz. 6-pack ready to use)