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VENDOR ALERT 2022 – 01

TO: ALL WIC VENDORS

SUBJECT: CAGE-FREE EGG UPDATES TO THE WIC AUTHORIZED PRODUCT LIST (APL)

Purpose The California Department of Public Health, Women, Infants and Children Division (CDPH/WIC) is notifying all WIC authorized vendors that cage-free egg Universal Product Codes (UPCs) have been updated in the APL. To ensure participants can purchase cage-free eggs and all currently authorized food products, please continue to download the most current APL daily.

Background Effective January 1, 2022 all eggs sold in California must come from cage-free hens. These changes are a result of Proposition 12: The Farm Animal Confinement Initiative.

CDPH/WIC amended its [WIC Bulletin Regulations \(WBR\) Regulatory Bulletin 2021-01](#) to allow for the authorization of large cage-free white eggs in 12-count or 1 dozen containers to comply with changes from Proposition 12. These regulatory changes went into effect on September 1, 2021.

CDPH/WIC has discovered that many regular white egg UPCs are transitioning to cage-free eggs under the same UPC.

Action for Vendors CDPH/WIC requests that vendors submit for review any egg carton label they believe should be authorized but is not on the latest version of the [APL](#). CDPH/WIC is requesting submission of the new packaging images to include the following: cage-free eggs label, CA SEFS, UPC, and carton image confirming they're white eggs in 12-count or 1 dozen containers.

Please include CAGE FREE EGGS in the subject line, then email images to WICFoods@cdph.ca.gov.

Vendors must continue to ensure that the most current APL is retrieved and downloaded every day, as required, to ensure participants have access to all currently authorized foods.

Please note: There is no change to processing a WIC Card transaction. Cashiers should continue to rely on the WIC EBT system to approve or decline WIC Card purchases.



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Questions

If you have questions about the WIC Authorized Food List or Authorized Product List, please send an email to WICFoods@cdph.ca.gov.

For additional questions you may also contact your WIC Vendor Consultant or call toll-free (855) WIC-STOR or (855) 942-7867 or contact the WIC Vendor Management Branch by email at WICVENDORINFO@cdph.ca.gov.



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