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MEMORANDUM NO. 051-05M CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
Assistant Superintendents for Business and/or Business Managers
School Food Service Supervisors
Administrators of Private Schools
Administrators of Residential Child Care Institutions

FROM: Dr. Terry Bergeson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Update Memorandum
Additional Information for the *Food Buying Guide*
Clarification of Timelines for Honoring the Free Status of Migrant
Students
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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide all local education agencies (LEA) current information and/or an update of pertinent information that is essential to the operation of their Child Nutrition Programs (CNP).

In addition, with the passage of the Child Nutrition and WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Reauthorization Act of 2004, many important improvements, additions, and changes in the CNP continue to be implemented for the 2004–05 school year. As Child Nutrition Services (CNS) receives implementation memos from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), information will be sent to assist LEAs in meeting program regulations.

Additional Information for the Food Buying Guide

Turkey salami and most other sausage products do not have a Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) Standard of Identity, which would clearly identify the amount of lean meat per ounce. Therefore, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) requires a Child Nutrition (CN) label or a manufacturer's specification/data sheet to document the creditable meat portion of these "nonspecific" products. The *Food Buying Guide* on page 1–2 (Meat/Meat Alternate Section) reiterates this practice for all "nonspecific" products.

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Please add this paragraph to the *Food Buying Guide*, and use it as a ready reference when requiring information regarding turkey salami and other sausage products.

Clarification of Timelines for Honoring the Free Status of Migrant Students

As a reminder, Section 107 of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 amended section 9(b) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to make migrant children categorically eligible for free meal benefits. Once migratory students are identified by the migrant liaison, or other knowledgeable person, in a LEA, the migrant student is approved for the entire school year and the first 30 operating days of the following school year. If you participated in the update workshops provided in July in Yakima and September in Fife, or by teleconference, you received a PowerPoint presentation discussing migrant-eligible students. Please update that information with this paragraph to ensure that migrant-eligible free students receive free meal benefits as discussed above.

Exemptions Under the Competitive Foods Regulations

CNP Informational Bulletin 06-01 informs LEAs of recent changes to the list of exemptions under the Competitive Foods Regulation. Four new companies have had products added to the list of exemptions. These exemptions, described in Attachment 1, mean that the products are no longer considered foods of minimal nutritional value and can, therefore, be sold during the meal period in a school food service area.

An exemption does not mean that these products are approved or endorsed by the FNS; that these products have significant nutritional value; and that these products are recommended for purchase by LEAs.

In addition, several companies produce similar products that are not exempted and, therefore, are still considered foods of minimal nutritional value. Do not assume that similar products or a family of products are exempted unless specifically stated in an exemption letter and included on the exemption list.

Attachment 2, Exemptions Under the Competitive Foods Regulation, contains the ingredient statement of each exempted item. Please read this over so that you can differentiate between exempted products and similar nonexempted products.

National School Breakfast Week

Are you ready to go places with school breakfast? Mark your calendars! March 6–10, 2006, is National School Breakfast Week. Several resources to help make National School Breakfast Week 2006 an exciting journey are now available through the School Nutrition Association's (SNA) Web site at www.schoolnutrition.org/nsbw. The tools include a public relations toolkit to map your path to success; activity sheets featuring games, jokes, and riddles to make the journey fun; recipes and sample menus

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to help fuel your adventure; informational brochures for parents and children; a sample proclamation, and many other exciting items. Plan ahead and use this opportunity to promote breakfast to your students and staff!

Revised Healthy Edge Curriculum Now Available

A new on-line course of the Healthy Edge is now available through Child Nutrition University at www.schoolnutrition.org. It is called Healthy Edge: Building Healthy School Meals, is informative, and presented in an engaging format. CNP professionals will learn how to encourage children to make healthier options to impact their lifelong nutrition while improving their overall child nutrition program and adding credibility to the work they perform!

This curriculum presents an opportunity to earn ten (10) continuing education credits towards SNA certification, to receive trainer certification, and apply for a Healthy Edge scholarship. Please visit: <http://www.schoolnutrition.org/Index.aspx?id+1093> for more information on these opportunities!

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact the program specialist for your area:

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Attachments

[Attachment 1](#)—CNP Informational Memo 06-01

[Attachment 2](#)—Exemptions Under the Competitive Foods Regulation