



Food and Nutrition Service

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains
in Child Nutrition Programs

(Crediting Standards Based on Grams of Creditable Grains (ounce equivalents))

Child Nutrition (CN) Program Operators should include a copy of the label from the purchased product package in addition to the following information on letterhead signed by an official company representative. CN Program Operators have the option to choose the crediting method that best fits their specific needs for menu planning.

Product Name: _____ Code No.: _____

Manufacturer: _____ Serving Size: _____
(raw dough weight may be used to calculate creditable grain amount)

I. Does the product meet the Whole Grain-Rich Criteria: Yes _____ No _____

II. Does the product contain non-creditable grains: Yes _____ No _____ How many grams: _____
(Products with more than 0.24 ounce (oz.) equivalent (eq.) or 3.99 grams (g) for Groups A-G or 6.99g for Groups H and I of non-creditable grains may not credit towards the grain requirements for school meals.)

III. Use Exhibit A: Grain Requirements for Child Nutrition Programs in the FBG to determine if the product fits into Groups A-G (baked goods), Group H (cereal grains) or Group I (RTE breakfast cereals). (Different methodologies are applied to calculate servings of grain component based on creditable grains. Groups A-G use the standard of 16g creditable grain per oz. eq.; Group H uses the standard of 28g creditable grain per oz. eq.; and Group I is reported by volume or weight.)

Indicate to which Exhibit A Group (A-I) the Product Belongs: _____

Table with 4 columns: DESCRIPTION OF CREDITABLE GRAIN INGREDIENT*, GRAMS OF CREDITABLE GRAIN INGREDIENT PER PORTION^1 (A), GRAM STANDARD OF CREDITABLE GRAIN PER OZ. EQUIVALENT (16g or 28g)^2 (B), CREDITABLE AMOUNT (A ÷ B). Includes Total and Total Creditable Amount^3 rows.

* Creditable grains vary by CN Program. See the FBG for specific Program requirements.

^1 (Serving size) X (% of creditable grain in formula). Please be aware that serving sizes other than grams must be converted to grams.

^2 Standard grams of creditable grains from the corresponding Group in Exhibit A.

^3 Total Creditable Amount must be rounded down to the nearest quarter (0.25) oz. eq. Do not round up.

Total weight (per portion) of product as purchased _____

Total contribution of product (per portion) _____ oz. eq.

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that a _____ ounce portion of this product (ready for serving) provides _____ oz. eq. grains. I further certify that non-creditable grains are not above 0.24 oz. eq. per portion. Products with more than 0.24 oz. eq. or 3.99g for Groups A-G or 6.99g for Groups H and I of non-creditable grains may not credit towards the grain requirements for school meals.

Signature _____

Title _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

Phone Number _____



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Indicate which Exhibit A Group (A-I) the Product Belongs: _____

Table with 4 columns: DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT PER FOOD BUYING GUIDE, PORTION SIZE OF PRODUCT AS PURCHASED (A), WEIGHT OF ONE OZ. EQUIVALENT AS LISTED IN THE FBG (B), CREDITABLE AMOUNT (A ÷ B). Includes a Total Creditable Amount row.

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