

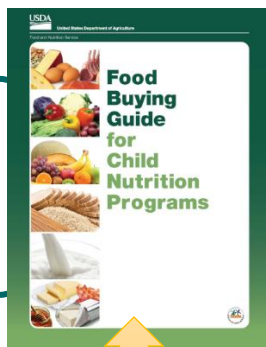
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Does the menu item or ingredient have a **standard of identity**? These are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). To determine this, use the USDA Food Buying Guide. If the product's name can be found in Column 1, then it has a **standard of identity**.

Yes

Yes

Use the USDA Food Buying Guide to determine purchase units, preparation guides, and cooking yields. This will help determine as purchased amounts and Edible Portions yields.



Use the Grain section of the USDA Food Buying Guide

Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains in Child Nutrition Programs. Includes instructions, a table of grain requirements, and a completed example for Pillsbury's Cheesy Pull-Aparts.

No

Is there a CN Label on the outside of the product's packaging?

Yes

Take a photo, photocopy, or cut around the actual CN Label. If you have a **watermarked CN Label**, keep your invoices handy to match with product codes.

No

Is it a meat/meat alternate, fruit, vegetable or milk item?

No

If it's a grain item, you can credit three different ways.

- 1. 2. 3.

Contact the manufacturer for a **Product Formulation Statement (PFS)**

Use the Grain/Bread Chart to credit:

- 1. What is your product?
2. Which group is your product in (A,B,C,etc.)?
3. What is the weight of your serving (in grams or ounces)?
4. Compare the weight of your serving to the minimum portion size equivalents in the chart.
5. Determine if it meets the minimum portion size, if not you may need to adjust the serving size to meet requirements.

Exhibit A: Grain Requirements For Child Nutrition Programs

Table with 3 columns: Food Products per Group, Ounce Equivalent (oz eq), and Minimum Serving Size. It lists various grain products like bread, pasta, and cereals across three groups (A, B, C).

Once PFS is received, evaluate for:

- 1. Company letterhead
2. Product Name
3. Code number
4. Serving/ Portion Size
5. Creditable Ingredients, weight of each, FBG yields
6. Signature of a company representative
7. Date

Sample Product Formulation Statement (PFS) for General Mills, detailing product information, ingredients, and grain credit calculations.

