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MEMORANDUM

To: National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Sponsors

From: Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent
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Date: December 13, 2011

RE: Child Nutrition (CN) Labeling Program Reminders

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The purpose of this memorandum is to remind school food authorities (SFAs) and other program operators that the CN Labeling Program is limited to entrée items and 50-percent juice drinks and juice drink products. Due to an increase in requests for CN labels for bakery and fruit/vegetable products such as cookies and 100-percent fruit/vegetable purees and juices, The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) would like to remind SFAs and program operators that the CN Labeling Program is limited to the following two food categories:

- Main dish products which contribute a minimum of 0.5 ounces equivalent meat/meat alternate toward meal pattern requirements. Examples include but are not limited to: beef patties, cheese or meat pizzas, meat or cheese and bean burritos, egg rolls, and breaded fish portions.
- Juice drink and juice drink products which contain at least 50-percent full-strength juice by volume. This includes such products as grape drink, fruit punch, and juice bars.

Also, as a reminder, manufacturers are not authorized under any circumstances, to place the CN logo and contribution statement on fact sheets or any other product information. Manufactures are only authorized to use and distribute the CN label on actual product manufactured following a Federally-Approved Quality Control Program. For information about requesting copies of federally inspected product labels from manufactures during the bidding process, please visit:

http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/cnlabeling/copying_labels.htm.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this memo, please contact your School Nutrition Programs Specialist at (602) 542-8700.

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