



The Child and Adult Care Food Program

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Institutions Participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

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SUBJECT: Creditable Soy Milk Update

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STATE AGENCY MEMO: CACFP #11-2014

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide additional guidance regarding creditable soy milk in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). This memorandum does not supersede memorandum SA #10-11 sent May 13, 2011.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766(g)) requires that fluid milk served in the CACFP be consistent with the most recent version of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and allows the substitution of nondairy beverages that are nutritionally equivalent to fluid milk in cases of special dietary needs. Nondairy beverages must be nutritionally equivalent to fluid milk and meet the nutritional standards for fortification of calcium, protein, vitamin A, vitamin D, and other nutrients to levels found in cow's milk, as outlined in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) regulations at 7 CFR 210.10 (m)(3). CACFP State agencies have the discretion to identify appropriate substitutions that meet these requirements.

The State Agency continues to make program improvements in accordance with federal regulations, and in doing so, has identified the following additional soy milks as creditable in the CACFP effective June 2, 2014: Safeway's Lucerne Original Soy Milk and WhiteWave Foods Silk® Original Soymilk. It is important to note that institutions must adhere to both the brand and type of soy milk. For example, Silk® Soymilk comes in a variety of flavors/types. Only the red carton, which represents Silk® *Original* Soymilk, is creditable. The State Agency will continue to expand its list of creditable nondairy beverages as more are identified that meet federal requirements.

Please use the revised Soy Milk Notification form enclosed with this memo as it reflects all soy milks currently creditable in the CACFP. If you have questions regarding the information contained in this guidance, please contact your CACFP Specialist or me at (202) 442-4010 or norma.birckhead@dc.gov.

