



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Public Health – Women’s & Children’s Health Section
1914 Mail Service Center • Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1914
Tel 919-707-5800 • Fax 919-870-4818

Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor

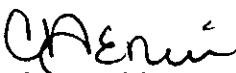
Lanier M. Cansler, Secretary

July 15, 2011

SFSP 11-17

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sponsors Participating in the Summer Food Service Program

FROM: Cynthia Ervin, MBA 
SFSP Coordinator, Special Nutrition Programs

SUBJECT: Shelf-Stable, Dried Snacks Made from Meat, Poultry, or Seafood

This memorandum is intended to remind school food authorities (SFAs) and sponsors that shelf-stable, dry, or semi-dry, meat snacks do not credit in any meal served under the Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Child Nutrition (CN) Programs. These dried meat, poultry, and seafood snacks have a variety of fanciful and parenthetical names because the USDA product formulation standards vary widely. Non-creditable meat snacks can include but are not limited to the following products: *smoked snack sticks made with beef and chicken; summer sausage; pepperoni sticks*; meat, poultry, or seafood jerky such as *beef jerky, turkey jerky, and salmon jerky*; and meat or poultry nuggets (shelf-stable, non-breaded, dried meat or poultry snack made similar to jerky) such as *turkey nuggets*.

The shelf-stable, dried meat, poultry, and seafood snacks do not meet the usual and customary function of the meat/meat alternate component as either an entrée or side dish of a meal planned using the Food-based Menu Planning (FBMP) option. It is important to note that dried meat, poultry, or seafood snacks do not qualify for the CN Labeling Program because they cannot contribute to the meat component for the FBMP option; fact sheets or company certified product formulation statements (PFS) should not be accepted for these products.

While the above-mentioned snacks cannot contribute credit towards a reimbursable meal, there are some meat stick type products that can be used in a reimbursable meal. The following are examples of meat stick products that may credit in CN Programs with authorized CN Labels or company certified PFS:

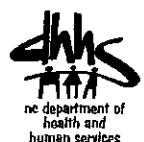
- 1) Cooked, cured meat and/or poultry sausages excluding byproducts, cereals, binders or extenders such as Bologna, Frankfurters, Knockwurst, and Vienna Sausage as are listed on pages 1-36 and 1-37 of the *Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs*;



North Carolina Public Health
Working for a healthier and safer North Carolina
Everywhere. Everyday. Everybody.

Location: 5601 Six Forks Rd. • Raleigh, N.C. 27609-3811

An Equal Opportunity Employer



2) Finger-food types of shelf-stable sticks, usually packed in water, with a parenthetical product name such as *chicken sticks packed in water*, are creditable when offered to age appropriate individuals above 12 months of age and when made without byproducts, cereals, binders or extenders, similar to *Vienna Sausages* noted above;

3) Extended meat or poultry “pattie-like” products shaped into sticks which are usually breaded and either frozen or refrigerated; and

4) Dried pepperoni when used as a topping on a CN Labeled pizza.

SFAs and other sponsors should contact Cynthia Ervin for assistance with understanding the difference between creditable entrée and side dish varieties of the standardized sausages, franks, knockwursts, and Vienna sausages and the non-creditable, shelf-stable, dried meat, poultry, and seafood snacks.

Please note, service of meals that include food items that are considered not creditable are not reimbursable meals under the Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Child Nutrition (CN) Programs including the Summer Food Service Program. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Cynthia Ervin at 919-707-5774.

cc: SNP Staff (via email)