



Food Distribution National Policy Memorandum

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POLICY NO: FD-105: National School Lunch Program (NSLP), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFFP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP)

SUBJECT: Setting aside the Commodity Acceptability Reporting Requirement

In an effort to reduce reporting burden, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is setting aside the requirement in 7 CFR 250.13(k) that the distributing agency submit a commodity acceptability report (form FNS-663) to FNS, utilizing information collected from recipient agencies in the National School Lunch Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, and the Nutrition Services Incentive Program. States are no longer required to collect information for this report. In 1998, Public Law 105-336 required this information to be submitted to FNS every two years rather than annually as previously required. Policy Memorandum FD-053 dated March 24, 2006 waived the reporting requirement for the FY 2006-2007 reporting cycle, and Policy Memorandum FD-071 waived the requirement for the FY 2008-2009 reporting cycle. This Policy Memorandum sets aside the reporting requirement for the FY 2010-2011 reporting cycle, and all cycles afterwards.

In accordance with Section 3(f)(2) of the Commodity Distribution Reform Act and WIC Amendments of 1987 (Public Law 100-237), the Department is still required to ensure that information about the types and forms of commodities that are most useful to participants is collected from recipient agencies administering the above-listed programs. However, information relating to commodity acceptability is now transmitted to FNS on a routine basis through the Electronic Commodity Ordering System, the commodity complaint hotline, general electronic communication, various meetings attended by FNS and State and recipient agencies, and periodic reviews by USDA of its commodity offerings.

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