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Memorandum

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TO: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsors

FROM: Karen L. Vogel, SNS, RD, Nutrition Programs Professional 

RE: **Shelf-stable, Dried Snacks Made from Meat, Poultry, or Seafood**

This memorandum is intended to remind school food authorities (SFAs) and other program operators 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*;

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 stage 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.

KV/tk

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