

# Revisions to USDA Foods Guidance

## School Call

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## Recent Rules Revisions

Revision 4 of FNS Instruction 709-5, *Shipment and Receipt of USDA Foods*

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-foods/shipment-receipt-goods-instruction-709-5>

- Only applicable to those schools receiving truckloads at their own warehouses directly from USDA vendors (direct-ship schools)
- Schools receiving shipments from the State Contracted Warehouses continue to follow current procedures

Key directives:

- Removes outdated references to “High” Security seals (discontinued July 2023)
- Inspection costs for not out-of-condition foods will now be reimbursed by USDA, if needed
- Photograph/video evidence specifically required for pest infestation or out of condition food complaints/shipment refusals

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FNS Instruction 709-5, continued

- Schools must continue to notify TDA if shipments contain out-of-condition foods
- USDA representative must respond to school within two hours for refused shipment requests
- Rejected shipments must leave school property immediately
- Schools are expected to receive shipments on assigned dates and schedule multiple truckloads to be received accordingly
- Schools should continue to receipt within 24 hours (two business days is maximum)

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