

Memo

To: All Holders of the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs

From: Lena Wilson, Assistant Commissioner for Food & Nutrition

Date: September 22, 2021

Re: Rescission of *Pre-portioned Fruit Cup Crediting* supplement released on May 14, 2013

Effective Date: Immediately

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) officially rescinds the *Pre-portioned Fruit Cup Crediting* supplement released on May 14, 2013. That supplement provided guidance that pre-portioned 4-ounce (by weight) fruit cups do not meet the volume requirements for ½ cup of fruit for the Child Nutrition Programs (CNPs) and that Contracting Entities (CEs) could not use manufacturer information stating pre-portioned 4 oz. fruit cups provide ½ cup of fruit.

Effective immediately, CNP operators should use the following guidance when crediting pre-portioned 4-ounce fruit cups based on the liquid in which the fruit is packaged:

- **100% fruit juice:** the amount of fruit combined with the amount of juice may credit. For example, a 4.0-ounce fruit cup packed in 100% fruit juice credits as a ½ cup of fruit.
- **Light syrup:** only the weight of fruit may credit. To determine the weight of fruit, the CE must obtain a product formulation statement or conduct an in-house test in which the liquid is drained, and the remaining amount of fruit is measured.
- **Water:** only the weight of fruit may credit. To determine the weight of fruit, the CE must obtain a product formulation statement or conduct an in-house test in which the liquid is drained, and the remaining amount of fruit is measured.

All subsequent updates to TDA's guidance will be made in each program's respective handbook located at SquareMeals.org.

Sincerely,



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