

# PROCESSED PRODUCT FOOD DOCUMENTATION

When processed products are used in Child Nutrition Programs to meet the meal pattern requirement, the sponsor must determine these products' contributions. There is no general way to determine how much meat or poultry is contained in these products, especially since each manufacturer has its own formulation. ***For this reason, sponsors must obtain CN Labels or Product Formulation Statements that provide valuable crediting information; and only these will be accepted as documentation.***

## Advertising Literature

Advertising literature is information provided by the company which may contain valuable information about one or more of the company's products but it **may not** be used to support the contribution that a product makes toward the meal patterns.

## Child Nutrition (CN) Label

A CN label is a product label found on meat, poultry, seafood, meat alternate and juice products which contains a statement that clearly identifies the contribution that the product makes toward the meal pattern requirements. A CN labeled product provides a warranty against audit claims, if used according to the manufacturer's directions.



A CN label will always contain the following:

- The CN logo (which is a distinct border)
- The meal pattern contribution statement for all components creditable in the food
- A 6-digit product identification number
- USDA/FNS authorization statement
- The month and year of approval

## Manufacturer's Product Formulation Statement (PFS)

A Product Formulation Statement (PFS) is written by the manufacturer (on company letterhead or using template provided by USDA) and contains a statement that clearly identifies the contribution that the product makes toward the meal pattern requirements. This statement is based on manufacturer's formulation and/or laboratory testing, not USDA's. PFS carries no warranty against audit claims.

Sample Product Formulation Statement (Product Analysis) for Meat/Meat Alternate (M/MA) Products

Child Nutrition Program operators should include a copy of the label from the purchased product carton in addition to the following information on letterhead signed by an official company representative.

Product Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Code No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_ Case/Pack/Count/Portion/Size: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. Meat/Meat Alternate**  
Please fill out the chart below to determine the creditable amount of Meat/Meat Alternate

Description of Creditable Ingredients per Food Buying Guide (FBG)	Ounces per Raw Portion of Creditable Ingredient	Multiply	FBG Yield/ Servings Per Unit	Creditable Amount *
		X		
		X		
		X		

A. Total Creditable M/MA Amount†

\*Creditable Amount - Multiply ounces per raw portion of creditable ingredient by the FBG Yield Information.

**II. Alternate Protein Product (APP)**  
If the product contains APP, please fill out the chart below to determine the creditable amount of APP. If APP is used, you must provide documentation as described in Attachment A for each APP used.

Description of APP, manufacturer's name, and code number	Ounces Dry APP Per Portion	Multiply	% of Protein As-Is*	Divide by 18**	Creditable Amount APP***

• Unlike the CN Label which provides crediting information for all components within one label, USDA has designed a several different PFS templates for the M/MA, Grain and Fruit/Vegetable components. If the food item contains both creditable M/MA and grain, the sponsor will need to provide both a M/MA PFS and a Grain PFS.

• If a manufacturer chooses to design their own PFS, the sponsor must ensure that all information is listed that is found on USDAs PFS. For blank PFS templates: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnlabeling/food-manufacturersindustry>.



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