

**Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains Ounce Equivalents
in Child Nutrition Programs**

Crediting Standards Based on **Grams of Creditable Grains**

Program operators have the option to choose the crediting method that fits their specific menu planning needs.

Food manufacturers/vendors must: 1. Provide the following information on company letterhead signed by an official company representative. 2. Use Exhibit A: Grain Requirements for Child Nutrition Programs (Exhibit A) in the "Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs" (FBG) to complete this form. 3. Provide a copy of the ingredient list from the product package.

Product Name: _____ Code No.: _____

Manufacturer: _____ Serving Size: _____

I. Does the product meet the whole grain-rich* criteria? Yes _____ No _____

* Whole grain-rich is the term designated by Food and Nutrition Service to indicate that the grain content of a product is between 50 and 100 percent whole grain with any remaining grains being enriched.

II. Does the product contain noncreditable grains? Yes _____ No _____ How many grams? _____

(Products with more than 0.24 ounce equivalent (oz eq) or 3.99 grams (g) for Groups A–G or 6.99g for Groups H and I of noncreditable grains do not credit toward the grains requirement for school meals.)

III. Use Exhibit A to determine if the product fits into Groups A–G (baked goods), Group H (cereal grains) or Group I (RTE breakfast cereals). (Different methodologies are applied to calculate the grains contribution based on creditable grains. Groups A–G use the standard of 16g creditable grains per oz eq; Groups H and I use the standard of 28g creditable grains per oz eq or volume.)

Indicate which Exhibit A Group (A–I) the product belongs: _____

DESCRIPTION OF CREDITABLE GRAIN INGREDIENT ¹	GRAMS OF CREDITABLE GRAIN INGREDIENT PER PORTION ² A	GRAM STANDARD OF CREDITABLE GRAINS PER OZ EQ (16g or 28g) ³ B	CREDITABLE AMOUNT A ÷ B
Total			
Total Creditable Amount⁴			

¹ Creditable grains vary by Program. See the FBG for specific Program requirements.

² (Serving size in grams) X (% of creditable grain in formula); raw dough weight may be used for serving size. Serving sizes other than grams must be converted to grams.

³ Standard grams of creditable grains from the corresponding Group in Exhibit A.

⁴ Total Creditable Amount must be rounded **down** to the nearest quarter (0.25) oz eq. Do **not** round up.

Total weight (per portion) of product as purchased _____

Total creditable amount of product (per portion) _____ oz eq

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that a _____ ounce portion of this product (ready for serving) provides _____ oz eq grains.

For school meals only: I further certify that noncreditable grains **are not** above 0.24 oz eq per portion. Products with more than 0.24 oz eq or 3.99g for Groups A–G or 6.99g for Groups H and I of noncreditable grains do not credit toward the grains requirement for school meals.

Signature

Title

Printed Name

Date

Phone Number

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Crediting Standards Based on **Exhibit A Weights**

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Indicate which Exhibit A Group (A–I) the product belongs: _____

DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT PER EXHIBIT A	PORTION SIZE OF PRODUCT AS PURCHASED A	WEIGHT OF ONE OZ EQ AS LISTED IN EXHIBIT A B	CREDITABLE AMOUNT
			$A \div B$
Total Creditable Amount¹			

¹ Total Creditable Amount must be rounded **down** to the nearest quarter (0.25) oz eq. Do **not** round up.

Total weight (per portion) of product as purchased: _____

Total creditable amount of product (per portion) _____ oz eq

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