



Background

USDA memo SP 32-2017 allows state agencies to extend exemptions of whole grain-rich requirements through school year 2017-2018 to SFAs demonstrating hardship in procuring compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students. Exemptions approved in school year 2016-2017 will not require re-approval for school year 2017-2018. SFAs approved for an exemption from the current whole grain-rich requirement will have to continue, at a minimum, to meet the whole grain-rich requirement that was in effect for school year 2013-2014 (i.e., half of the grains offered must be whole grain-rich). SFAs must submit this form and supporting documentation (e.g. photos, meal count records, student survey, etc.) to request an exemption. Approvals are valid through school year 2017-2018.

Justification for Request

SFA Name: Fleming (Frenchman) School District

Reason for requesting exemption	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Hardship (Provide supporting documentation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SFA meal count records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was/were offered; OR The SFA experiences a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited product availability (Provide supporting documentation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unacceptable product quality (Provide supporting documentation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA either did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability after appropriate cooking/holding.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor student acceptability (Provide supporting documentation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the product(s) was/were offered multiple times over a sustained period of time.

What enriched products does the SFA plan to use?

Tortillas, pizza crust, and pasta are the three items Fleming would like to use enriched products instead of the WG.

Describe the SFA's efforts to find ways to comply with the whole grain-rich requirement:

We are working with manufacturers to develop improved whole grain products. We did comply with the whole grain requirements in the 2016-17 SY and found students moving to other choices due to the flavor profiles of some of the whole grain options.

Describe the SFA's plan to achieve future compliance with the full whole grain-rich requirement once the exemption expires: Fleming will continue to develop whole grain rich menu items which are appealing to students, have an acceptable flavor profile, and comply with CDE whole grain requirements.

Traci Berg

8/30/17

Director, Nutrition Services Signature

Date

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	Reviewed by: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: <i>8/30/17</i>
Comments:			