

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Child Nutrition Labels and Crediting Foods

This Memo is to help you understand requirements for a reimbursable meal while operating your Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

When Trying to determine if your product meets requirements, your first step is the Food buying Guide, you can locate one at

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/foodbuying-guide-child-nutrition-programs>

CHEESE

Not all cheese is created equal. (Food buying Guide –Meat/Meat Alternates Page (1-23)**14) “Any item labeled with the wording “imitation” cheese or cheese “product” does not meet the requirements for the use in food based menu planning approaches and are

NOT CREDITABLE toward meal pattern.

Example- Velveeta Products are labeled as
“PASTERIZED PREPARED CHEESE PRODUCT”
therefore they are **NOT CREDITABLE**.



The US Food & Drug Administration does not maintain a standard of identity for "Pasteurized Prepared Cheese Product".

Creditable Cheese

- Cheese Food (contains at least 51% Cheese)
 - Cheese Spread
 - Natural Cheese
- Pasteurized Cheese (100% cheese)

Non-Creditable Cheese

- Imitation cheese
- Cheese product (contains <51% Cheese)
 - Velveeta

Examples below.....



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