

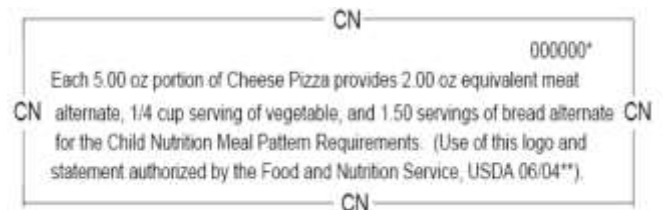
Child Nutrition Labels

What is a CN label?

- A CN label is a product label containing a statement that clearly identifies and verifies the contribution that the product makes toward the child nutrition meal pattern requirements
 - Used especially for convenience foods that are breaded, battered, provide a combination of foods, or contain a mixture of ingredients

What information appears on a CN label?

- The CN logo, which is a distinct border
- The meal pattern contribution statement
- A six-digit product identification number
- USDA-FNS authorization
- The month and year of approval



Options for acceptable CN documentation:

- CN label cut out from the product packaging (showing the CN label, product name and manufacturer)
- Photograph of CN label attached to product packaging
- Photocopy of CN label removed from the product package

Note: Products change frequently and CN labels do expire! Be sure labels are Up To Date!



Note the serving size of the item.

Portion size may need to be adjusted to meet the meal pattern requirements for the age of the child being served.



Product Formulation Statement

What is a Product Formulation Statement (PFS) or Product Specification Statement (PSS)?

- A signed statement developed by manufacturers to provide specific information about the product to determine crediting information for the USDA Child Nutrition Programs.
- Like CN labels, they can be used by buyers to verify a combination food item's contribution to the required meal pattern.
- When used to determine crediting information for USDA Child Nutrition Programs, it **must**:
 - Indicate how the product credits toward the USDA meal pattern requirements via a crediting statement (see below)
 - Document how the manufacturer obtained the crediting information by citing specific Child Nutrition Program resources or regulations
 - Ex: USDA's *Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs*
 - Be prepared on the manufacturer's letterhead with an original signature of a company official and date of issue



Manufacturer's letterhead

Product Formulation Statement for Documentation of Meat/Meat Alternate in School Meals

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: 1/2 oz. Cooked Beef & Chicken Meatballs
 Manufacturer: Rosina Food Products, Inc. Code No: 40770
 Case/Pack/Count/Portion/Size: 10# 1/2 oz. Bf/Ch Meatball

I. Meat/Meat Alternate Credit Determination

Description of Creditable Ingredients per Food Buying Guide (FBG)	OZ/Raw Portion		FBG Yield/ Servings Per Unit	Creditable Amount*
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN	1.1336	X	70%	0.79355
BEEF	0.7558	X	70%	0.52904
BEEF	0.3779	X	70%	0.26452
LIQUID WHOLE EGGS	0.0315	X	18/16oz	0.03543
ROMANO CHEESE (Pasteurized sheep's and cow's milk, rennet, salt,	0.0001	X	16/16oz	0.00006
A. Total Creditable M/MA Amount¹				1.6226

* Creditable Amount - Ounces per raw portion of creditable ingredient multiplied by the FBG Yield Information.

II. Alternate Protein Product (APP) Credit Determination (Documentation provided for each APP used.)

Description of APP, manufacturer's name, and code number	OZ Dry APP Per Portion	% of Protein As-Is*	Divide by 18**	Creditable Amount APP***
TEXTURED SOY FLOUR	0.2771	X 52.0000	/18 =	0.80055
B. Total Creditable APP Amount¹				0.80055

¹ Percent of Protein As-Is is provided on the attached APP documentation.

** 18 is the percent of protein when fully hydrated.

*** Creditable amount of APP equals ounces of Dry APP multiplied by the percent of protein as-is divided by 18.

C. TOTAL CREDITABLE AMOUNT¹ (A+B rounded down to nearest 1/4 oz) **2.25**

¹Total Creditable Amount is rounded down to the nearest 0.25oz (e.g., 1.49 rounds down to 1.25 oz meat equivalent). When crediting M/MA and APP, rounding does not occur in box A or in box B, but only in box C after the Total Creditable amounts from box A and box B are added together.

Total weight (per portion) of product as purchased: **3.00 ounces**

Total creditable amount of product (per portion): **2.25 ounces** (not more than the total weight of portion)

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that a 3.00 ounce serving of the above product (ready for serving) contains **2.25 ounces** of equivalent meat/meat alternate when prepared according to directions.

I further certify that any APP used in the product conforms to the Food and Nutrition Service Regulations (7 CFR Parts 210, 220, 225, 226, Appendix A) as demonstrated by the attached supplier documentation.

Crediting Statement

Original signature of a company official

Signature
 Dan Metzinger
 Printed Name

Regulatory Compliance Coord
 Title
 10/27/2017
 Date
 Phone Number

Date