

Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains in School Meals
Required Beginning SY 2013-2014
(Crediting Standards Based on Grams of Creditable Grains)

School Food Authorities (SFAs) should include a copy of the label from the purchased product package in addition to the following information on letterhead signed by an official company representative. Grain products may be credited based on previous standards through SY 2012-2013. The new crediting standards for grains (as outlined in Policy Memorandum SP 30-2012) must be used beginning SY 2013-2014. SFAs have the option to choose the crediting method that best fits the specific needs of the menu planner.

Product Name: Zee Zees Wheat Crackers, WG, IW Code No.: 614888
 Manufacturer: National Food Group Serving Size 1 pouch (0.8 oz) (23 g)
 (raw dough weight may be used to calculate creditable grain amount)

I. Does the product meet the Whole Grain-Rich Criteria: Yes X No
 (Refer to SP 30-2012 Grain Requirements for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.)

II. Does the product contain non- creditable grains: Yes No X **How many grams:**
 (Products with more than 0.24 oz equivalent or 3.99 grams for Groups A-G or 6.99 grams for Group H of non-creditable grains may not credit towards the grain requirements for school meals.)

III. Use Policy Memorandum SP 30-2012 Grain Requirements for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program: Exhibit A to determine if the product fits into Groups A-G, Group H or Group I. (Different methodologies are applied to calculate servings of grain component based on creditable grains. Groups A-G use the standard of 16grams creditable grain per oz eq; Group H uses the standard of 28grams creditable grain per oz eq; and Group I is reported by volume or weight.)
 Indicate to which Exhibit A Group (A-I) the Product Belongs: A

Description of Creditable Grain Ingredient*	Grams of Creditable Grain Ingredient per Portion ¹	Gram Standard of Creditable Grain per oz equivalent (16g or 28g) ²	Creditable Amount
	A	B	A ÷ B
Whole Wheat Flour	8.65	16	0.540625
Enriched Wheat Flour	8.4	16	0.525
			1.065625
Total Creditable Amount³			1.00

*Creditable grains are whole-grain meal/flour and enriched meal/flour.

¹ (Serving size) X (% of creditable grain in formula). Please be aware serving size other than grams must be converted to grams.

² Standard grams of creditable grains from the corresponding Group in Exhibit A.

³ 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 1 pouch (0.8 oz) (23 g)
 Total contribution of product (per portion) 1 oz equivalent

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that a 0.8 ounce portion of this product (ready for serving) provides 1 oz equivalent Grains. I further certify that non-creditable grains **are not** above 0.24 oz eq. per portion. Products with more than 0.24 oz equivalent or 3.99 grams for Groups A-G or 6.99 grams for Group H of non-creditable grains may not credit towards the grain requirements for school meals.

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Date: October 3, 2019

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Commercial Item Number: 614888

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COMPLIANCE WITH BUY AMERICAN PROVISION

The Buy American provision, set out in 7 C.F.R. Part 210.21(d), requires participants in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program to use the nonprofit food service funds, to the maximum extent practical, to buy domestic commodities or products. A "domestic commodity or product" is defined as one that is either produced in the U.S. or is processed in the U.S. substantially using agricultural commodities that are produced in the U.S. "Substantially" means that over 51 percent of the final processed product consists of agricultural commodities that were grown domestically.

Vendor certifies that, in compliance with the Buy American provision, its products are "domestic commodities or products" as defined by 7 C.F.R. § 210.21(d).

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Alternatively, Vendor hereby acknowledges its products DO NOT comply with the Buy American provision, set forth in 7 C.F.R. § 210.21(d).

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REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION FROM THE BUY AMERICAN PROVISION

Exceptions to the Buy American provision should be utilized as a last resort; however, an exception may be approved upon request. If Vendor did not certify compliance with the Buy American provision above, it may request an exception by checking one or both of the following grounds for an exception:

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The product is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonable available quantities of a satisfactory quality.

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The costs of a U.S. product are significantly higher than the non-domestic product.

Vendor certifies that it submits this request for an exception from the Buy American provision in good faith and with the reasonable belief that: (a) the product is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonable available quantities of a satisfactory quality; and/or (b) the costs of a U.S. product are significantly higher than the non-domestic product.

YES _____ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor