

## Food and Nutrition Service, USDA

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authorizes the purchase of adequate supplies of dairy products to meet the requirements of schools, domestic relief distribution, and other programs authorized by law when the stocks of the Commodity Credit Corporation are insufficient to meet those requirements.

*Service institutions* means camps or sponsors (as those terms are defined in part 225 of this chapter) which participate in the Summer Food Service program authorized under section 13 of the National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1761).

*Similar replacement* means replacement of lost donated foods with a quantity of similar foods of U.S. origin of the same types as those normally donated by the Department and of at least equal monetary value to the Department's cost of replacing the lost foods. Such replacement shall be subject to the approval of the FNSRO.

*Situation of distress* means (a) A hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, drought, fire, explosion, or other natural catastrophe not declared by the President to be a disaster, but which, in the judgment of the distributing agency, warrants the use of USDA commodities for congregate feeding; and

(b) Any other situation not declared by the President to be a disaster, but which, in the judgment of FNS, warrants the use of USDA commodities for congregate feeding or household distribution.

*State and United States* means any one of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

*State Agency on Aging* means:

(a) The State agency that has been designated by the Governor and approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to administer nutrition programs for the elderly under title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended or

(b) The Indian tribal organization which has been approved by DHHS to

administer nutrition programs for the elderly under title VI of such act.

*Storage facility* means an operation that provides warehousing services, or provides both warehousing and delivery services.

*Students in home economics* means students in regular classes wherein they are taught general home economics including food preparation, cooking, serving, nutrition, food purchasing, child care and health.

*Subdistributing agency* means an agency performing one or more distribution functions for a distributing agency other than, or in addition to, functions normally performed by common carriers or warehousemen. A subdistributing agency may also be a recipient agency.

*Substituted food* means domestically produced food that is purchased or manufactured by a processor and is substituted for donated food.

*Substitution* means:

(a) The replacement of donated foods with like quantities of domestically produced commercial foods of the same generic identity and of equal or better quality (i.e. cheddar cheese for cheddar cheese, nonfat dry milk for nonfat dry milk, etc.); or

(b) In the case of donated nonfat dry milk, substitution as defined under (a) of this definition or replacement with an equivalent amount, based on milk solids content, of domestically produced concentrated skim milk.

*Welfare agency* means a public (Federal, State or local) or private agency offering assistance on a charitable or welfare basis to needy persons, who are not residents of an institution, and to Tribal councils designated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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### Subpart B—General Operating Provisions

#### § 250.10 Eligible distributing and subdistributing agencies.

(a) *State and Federal agencies.* Federal agencies and such State agencies as are

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designated by the Governor of the State, or by the State legislature, and approved by the Secretary are eligible to become distributing agencies.

(b) *Private agencies.* Where distributing agencies are not permitted by law to make distribution to private recipient agencies, or to any class of private recipient agency, private agencies which agree to make distribution of donated food on a State-wide basis and which apply directly to FNS, and are approved by the Secretary are eligible to become distributing agencies.

(c) *Subdistributing agencies.* If distributing agencies use subdistributing agencies to distribute donated foods, the distributing agencies' responsibilities to the Department for overall management and control of the distribution program shall not be delegated to such subdistributing agencies.

### § 250.11 Eligibility determination for recipient agencies and recipients.

(a) *Verification of recipient agency eligibility.* Distributing agencies at the request of FNS shall:

(1) Verify that recipient agencies registered to participate in the National Commodity Processing (NCP) Program have a current agreement with the distributing agency to receive donated food in accordance with § 252.1(c) and

(2) Report the results of such verification to FNS within timeframes determined by FNS.

(b) *Eligibility of recipient agencies and recipients.* Distributing agencies shall determine the eligibility of any agency which submits an application for participation in the program. Distributing agencies shall consider the past performance of recipient agencies when approving applications for participation. Once a recipient agency has been determined to be eligible for participation in the program, the distributing agency shall enter into an agreement with the agency in accordance with § 250.12(b) and make donated food available. Distributing agencies shall impose upon welfare agencies the responsibility for determining that recipients to whom welfare agencies distribute donated foods are eligible: *Provided, however:* That the State agency or FNSRO administering the applicable program shall determine the eligibility

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under this part of school food authorities participating under part 210 or part 220, or sponsors participating in the Summer Food Service Program for Children under part 225, of this chapter, and of nonresidential child care institutions participating in the Child Care Food Program under part 226 of this chapter.

### § 250.12 Agreements and contracts.

(a) *Agreements with Department.* Prior to the beginning of a distribution program, distributing agencies shall enter into written agreements with the Department which shall incorporate the terms and conditions set forth in this part. When requested by the Department an eligible agency shall present evidence of its authority to enter into such agreements. The agreements shall be considered permanent, with amendments initiated by distributing agencies, or submitted by them at the Department's request, all of which shall be subject to approval by the Department. In addition, agreements between the Department and State Agencies on Aging that elect to receive cash in lieu of commodities shall also be considered permanent, with amendments initiated by these agencies, or submitted by them at the Department's request, all of which amendments shall be subject to approval by the Department.

(b) *Distributing agency agreements.* Distributing agencies shall enter into written agreements with all subdistributing agencies, recipient agencies, warehouses, carriers, or other entities to which distributing agencies deliver donated foods under their distribution program. Distributing agencies shall be responsible for ensuring that program integrity is maintained by all entities with whom agreements are entered into. All agreements shall contain such terms and conditions as the distributing agency deems necessary to ensure that:

(1) The distribution and use of donated foods is in accordance with this part,

(2) Subdistributing agencies, recipient agencies, warehouses, carriers, or other persons to whom donated foods are delivered by the distributing agency are responsible to the distributing agency for any improper distribution