Reply to
Attn. of: SFSP-364

Subject: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Policy
Memorandum #12-99: Time Restrictions for Meal
Service at Migrant Sites

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas,
(Child Nutrition Programs) Missouri DH, Montana OPI,
Nebraska ED, North Dakota,
South Dakota, Utah and
Wyoming DHSS

This memorandum provides State Agencies (SAs) the authority to
grant waivers of the time restrictions for meal service at
migrant sites. It is a continuation, except for a technical
change in reporting procedures, of Policy Memorandum SFSP-345,
issued on July 14, 1998. This memorandum is effective upon
issuance, and will remain in effect until superseded by
regulation or future memorandum.

To be eligible for SFSP reimbursement, sponsors must comply with
the time restrictions for meal service that are specified in
Section 225.16(c) of the regulations, and serve meals and
supplements during approved meal service periods. We are
concerned, however, that these requirements may pose an
additional barrier for sponsors serving children of migrant farm
workers, particularly in communities where children accompany
their parents to the fields, and where youths are also involved
in agricultural work.

Therefore, this memorandum permits SAs to waive any of the time
restrictions found in Sections 225.16(c)(1) and 225.16(c)(2) for
sponsors of sites that primarily serve migrant children. It is
our hope that adding flexibility in scheduling meal services
will enable those sponsors to reach more eligible children and
teens who may not otherwise have access to the SFSP. Please
note that this action does not change SA and sponsor
responsibilities to ensure that the period of meal service and
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any changes to the meal service are approved, and that appropriate arrangements are made for monitoring the Program.

Please notify this office of any waivers of meal time restrictions granted for migrant sponsors and sites by October 1, 1999.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (303) 844-0359.

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