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Subject: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP): Questions and Answers (Q & As) Including Follow-up Questions on Seamless Summer Feeding Waivers

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

For your information, attached is a list of policy Q & As on the SFSP and Seamless Summer Feeding Waivers that we have compiled based on questions raised by State Agencies since our last Q & A memorandum SFSP-486, issued July 15, 2003.

As you know, we periodically review questions asked by State Agencies and issue a Q & A policy memorandum such as this. We will continue to transmit any national policies as the need arises.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

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Attachment
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)  
Questions and Answers  
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SPONSORSHIP

1. Q. Is a National Parks Service (NPS) educational program operating as a closed enrolled or as a camp site, eligible to participate in the SFSP?

   A. SFSP Regulations were never meant to exclude Federal sponsors from participating. Therefore, should a Federal Agency apply to participate in the SFSP, they are to be treated the same way as any other Program applicant.

CENSUS

2. Q. Can census data on military bases be used to make eligibility determinations?

   A. Census questionnaires were created to be used on military bases in the 2000 census. The information gathered using these questionnaires are suitable for use in all Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) including the SFSP.

SEAMLESS WAIVER OPERATION

3. Q. May a school food authority operating on a traditional calendar claim meals served during the winter break, spring break or inclement weather under the Seamless Summer Feeding Waiver?

   A. No, because the intent has always been that schools participating in the Seamless Summer Feeding Waiver would only operate during SFSP eligible times. Since the portions of the SFSP Regulation specifying the times that the sites may operate were waived, new prototype materials will be issued that clarify allowable days of operation. Also, Section 225.6(e)(1)(i-ii) will be listed in Part B, item 2, in the prototype as a non-exempted provision.
CITIZENSHIP

4.  Q.  Must a child be a US citizen to receive meals through the SFSP and other CNPs?

A.  The Eligibility For School Meals Manual, page 19, explains “US citizenship is not a condition of eligibility for free and reduced price benefits.”