

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Food and Nutrition Service****7 CFR Parts 210 and 220****Incorporating the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans Into the Proposed School Meal Patterns**

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document informs the public about a change in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans that affects the proposed rule “Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs” issued by the Department of Agriculture and published in the **Federal Register** on January 13, 2011. Members of the public are asked to address this change when writing comments on the above referenced rule to assist the Department in updating the school meal patterns and nutrition standards according to the latest dietary recommendations.

DATES: The public comment period for the proposed rule closes on April 13, 2011.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be submitted under the proposed rule, “Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs,” (FNS–2007–0038), which is posted at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Brewer, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, 703–305–2590, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 640, Alexandria, Virginia 22302–1594.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA), 42 U.S.C. 1758, requires that meals served under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program reflect the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs). The DGAs are the federal government’s evidence-based nutritional guidance to promote health, reduce the risk of chronic diseases, and reduce the prevalence of overweight and obesity through improved nutrition and physical activity.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) published a proposed rule on January 13, 2011 (76 FR 2494), to align the school meal patterns and nutrition standards with the 2005 DGAs, the most current at the time of publication. On January 31, 2011, USDA and the

Department of Health and Human Services released the 2010 DGA recommendations. The 2010 DGA recommendations contain two changes from the 2005 recommendations which could affect the proposed school meal patterns.

The 2010 DGAs include a new Red-Orange vegetable subgroup, while the proposed meal patterns include an Orange vegetable subgroup and group the Red vegetables under the category of Other vegetables (consistent with the 2005 DGAs). However, the proposed meal patterns do reflect the emphasis on consuming a variety of vegetables, which is a key recommendation of the 2005 and 2010 DGAs. Consuming a variety of vegetables provides children with a number of nutrients that are under consumed in the United States, including dietary fiber, folate, magnesium, potassium, and vitamins A, C, and K.

The 2010 DGAs also advise consuming protein from a variety of sources, and recommend weekly amounts from three Protein foods (formerly Lean meat and beans) subgroups: (1) Seafood; (2) meat, poultry, and eggs; and (3) nuts, seeds, and soy products. The proposed meal patterns contain weekly and daily amounts of meats/meat alternates, but do not specify amounts for subgroups introduced by the 2010 DGAs. Consumption of a balanced variety of protein foods can contribute to improved nutrient intake and health benefits.

Therefore, this document requests the public to:

1. Consider the impact of the new Red-Orange vegetable subgroup and the new protein foods subgroups on the proposed school meal patterns,
2. Evaluate the need to revise the proposed meal patterns to reflect the new vegetable subgroup and protein foods subgroups, and
3. Address how the new vegetable subgroup and protein foods subgroups may be incorporated into the proposed meal patterns in a sound and practical manner.

Individuals wishing to address the effect of these changes, or any other issues, on the proposed rule “Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs” (76 FR 2494), may submit their comments when providing comments on the above-referenced proposed rule.

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Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service****7 CFR Part 319**

[Docket No. APHIS–2010–0018]

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Importation of Fresh Baby Kiwi From Chile Under a Systems Approach

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: We are proposing to amend the fruits and vegetables regulations to allow the importation into the continental United States of baby kiwi fruit from Chile, subject to a systems approach. Under this systems approach, the fruit would have to be grown in a place of production that is registered with the Government of Chile and certified as having a low prevalence of *Brevipalpus chilensis*. The fruit would have to undergo pre-harvest sampling at the registered production site. Following post-harvest processing, the fruit would have to be inspected in Chile at an approved inspection site. Each consignment of fruit would have to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with an additional declaration stating that the fruit had been found free of *Brevipalpus chilensis* based on field and packinghouse inspections. This proposed rule would allow for the safe importation of fresh baby kiwi from Chile using mitigation measures other than fumigation with methyl bromide.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before May 20, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2010-0018> to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Please send one copy of your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2010–0018, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS–2010–0018.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the