



GENERAL MILLS

**Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains  
in Child Nutrition Programs**  
(Crediting Standards Based on Exhibit A Weights per Ounce Equivalent)

Program operators 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. Program operators have the option to choose the crediting method that fits their specific menu planning needs.

Product Name: Multi-Grain Cheerios™ Bowlpak Code No.: 16000-32263

Manufacturer: General Mills, Inc. Serving Size 1.0 OZ (28g)

**I. Does the product meet the whole grain-rich criteria:** Yes X No     

**II. Does the product contain non-creditable grains:** Yes X No      **How many grams:** <6.99g  
(Products with more than 0.24 ounce equivalent (oz eq) or 3.99 grams (g) for Groups A-G or 6.99g for Groups H and I of non-creditable grains do not credit toward the grains requirement for school meals.)

**III. Use Exhibit A: Grain Requirements for Child Nutrition Programs in the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (FBG) to determine if the product fits into Groups A-G (baked goods), Group H (cereal grains) or Group I (RTE breakfast cereals).** (Different methodologies are applied to calculate the grains contribution based on creditable grains. Groups A-G use the standard of 16g creditable grains per oz eq; Groups H and I use the standard of 28g creditable grain per oz eq or volume.)

Indicate which Exhibit A Group (A-I) the Product Belongs: I

| DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT<br>PER EXHIBIT A | PORTION SIZE<br>OF PRODUCT AS<br>PURCHASED<br><br>A | WEIGHT OF ONE<br>OZ EQ<br>AS LISTED IN<br>EXHIBIT A<br>B | CREDITABLE<br>AMOUNT<br><br>A ÷ B |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Ready to Eat Cereal                     | 28g                                                 | 28g                                                      | 28g ÷ 28g = 1.0                   |
| Total Creditable Amount <sup>1</sup>    |                                                     |                                                          | 1.0                               |

<sup>1</sup>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 1.0 OZ (28g)

Total contribution of product (per portion) 1.00 oz eq

I further certify that the above information is true and correct and that a 28g/1.0 ounce portion of this product (ready for serving) provides 1.00 oz eq grains. I further certify that non-creditable grains **are not** above 0.24 oz eq per portion. Products with more than 0.24 oz eq or 3.99g for Groups A-G or 6.99g for Groups H and I of non-creditable grains do not credit toward the grains requirement for school meals.

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Exhibit A