



GENERAL MILLS

Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains in Child Nutrition Programs

(Crediting Standards Based on Grams of Creditable Grains (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: Pillsbury Cheesy Pull-Aparts Southwest Queso Code No.: 18000-12316

Manufacturer: General Mills, Inc. Serving Size 3.88 OZ (109g)
(raw dough weight may be used to calculate creditable grain amount)

I. Does the product meet the Whole Grain-Rich Criteria: Yes X No

II. Does the product contain non- creditable grains: Yes No X How many grams:

(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 grains per oz eq or volume.)

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

DESCRIPTION OF CREDITABLE GRAIN INGREDIENT*	GRAMS OF CREDITABLE GRAIN INGREDIENT PER PORTION ¹	GRAM STANDARD OF CREDITABLE GRAINS PER OZ EQ (16g or 28g) ²	CREDITABLE AMOUNT
	A	B	A ÷ B
Whole Wheat Flour	17g	16g	17g ÷ 16g = 1.06
Enriched Flour	16g	16g	16g ÷ 16g = 1.0
Total			2.06
Total Creditable Amount ³			2.0

*Creditable grains vary by Program. See the FBG for specific Program requirements.

¹(Serving size) X (% of creditable grains in formula); serving sizes other than grams must be converted to grams.

²Standard grams of creditable grains from the corresponding Group in Exhibit A.

³Total 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 3.88 OZ (109g)

Total contribution of product (per portion) 2.00 oz equivalent

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that a 3.88 ounce portion of this product (ready for serving) provides 2.00 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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Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Meats/Meat Alternates (M/MA) in Child Nutrition Programs

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.

Product Name: Pillsbury® Cheesy Pull-Aparts Southwest Queso

Code No.: 18000-12316

Manufacturer: General Mills, Inc

Serving Size: 3.88 OZ (109g)

I. Meats

Fill out the chart below to determine the creditable amount of Meats.

DESCRIPTION OF CREDITABLE MEAT INGREDIENT PER FOOD BUYING GUIDE (FBG)	OUNCES PER RAW PORTION OF CREDITABLE MEAT INGREDIENT A	MULTIPLY	FBG YIELD ¹ B	CREDITABLE AMOUNT A x B
		x		
C. Total Creditable Meats Amount ⁵				

¹FBG yield = Additional Information column.

II. Meat Alternates

Fill out the chart below to determine the creditable amount of Meat Alternates.

DESCRIPTION OF CREDITABLE MEAT ALTERNATE INGREDIENT PER FOOD BUYING GUIDE (FBG)	OUNCES PER RAW PORTION OF CREDITABLE MEAT ALTERNATE INGREDIENT D	MULTIPLY	FBG YIELD ² E	DIVIDE	PURCHASE UNIT IN OUNCES F	CREDITABLE AMOUNT ² D x E ÷ F
Cheese, Mozzarella (Reduced-Fat)	2	x	1	÷	1	2
G. Total Creditable Meat Alternates Amount ⁵						2.0

²FBG yield = Servings per Purchase Unit Column

III. Alternate Protein Products (APP)

Fill out the chart below to determine the creditable amount of APP. Documentation must be provided as described in Attachments A and B for each APP used.

DESCRIPTION OF APP, MANUFACTURER'S NAME, AND CODE NUMBER	OUNCES DRY PER APP PORTION H	MULTIPLY	% OF PROTEIN AS IS ³ I	DIVIDE ⁴	CREDITABLE AMOUNT APP H x I ÷ 18
		x		÷ 18	
J. Total Creditable APP Amount ⁵					
K. TOTAL CREDITABLE AMOUNT (C + G + J rounded down to nearest 0.25 oz) ⁵					

³ Attached documentation provides % of Protein As-Is.

⁴ 18 is the percent of protein when fully hydrated.

⁵ Total Creditable Amount must be rounded down to the nearest 0.25 oz (example: 1.49 rounds down to 1.25 oz equivalent meat/meat alternate). If crediting M/MA and APP, round down after adding the Total Creditable Amount for Meats, Meat Alternates, and APP in boxes C, G, and J.

Total weight (per portion) of product as purchased 3.88 oz (109g)

Total creditable amount of product (per portion). (Reminder: Total creditable amount cannot count for more than the total weight of product) 2.0

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that a 3.88 ounce serving of the above product (ready for serving) contains 2.0 ounce of equivalent meat/meat alternate when prepared according to directions.

I further certify that any APP used in the product conforms to the Food and Nutrition Service Regulations (7 CFR Parts 210, 220, 225, 226, Appendix A) as demonstrated by the attached supplier documentation.

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