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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
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SUBJECT : **ADVISORY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAM (SBFP) SY 2023-2024**

DATE : **17 April 2023**

The Department is in continuous efforts to address undernutrition among learners from Kinder to Grade 6, through the provision of hot meals/nutritious food products (NFP) and pasteurized/sterilized milk in all public elementary schools. In accordance to RA 11037 or the "Masustansyang Pagkain Para sa Batang Pilipino Act", signed by President Duterte on June 20, 2018, constitutes the primary statutory basis for the SBFP. The law aims to implement programs that sustain and improve the health of the school children thru School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP).

In line with this, the Institutional Guidelines for SBFP is still in the process of review and approval by the EXECOM, Planning Service and Legal Service. Thus, the following directions are issued for early and efficient implementation by School Year 2023-2024 this August 2023:

1. The target beneficiaries for FY 2023 is 1,678,704 severely wasted and wasted Kinder to Grade 6, the NFP will cover 120 feeding days and 43 days for the milk component;

2. Funds for the procurement of NFP and Milk were comprehensively released to the ROs last February 2023 while the Sub-ARO for FY 2023 Program Support Funds was already downloaded, dated March 20, 2023;
3. The DO No. 31 s. 2021, DO No. 38, s. 2022, and DO No. 10 s. 2022 shall be used until the new issuance of SBFP guidelines is signed by the Vice President and Secretary Sara Z. Duterte.
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5. It is reiterated that hot meals shall be allowed only in areas without community quarantine imposed, areas with central kitchens, and in schools with support of a volunteer group or hired helpers **to ensure that teachers will not participate in the preparation and cooking of meals**; this also needs the approval of the Schools Division Superintendent; IFR is the preferred rice for hot meals as far as practicable.
6. Serving of Iron-fortified rice (IFR) is encouraged for a maximum of 24 days only for a 120-feeding day period, the use of IFR is in compliance with RA 8976, "The Philippine Food Fortification Act of 2000." (Serving of IFR is a commitment of the Philippines to the United Nations' School Meals Coalition).
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8. For the NFP component, attached are the new technical specifications.
9. The food items to be served to the beneficiaries shall comply with the following revised levels of nutrients:

Nutrients	Revised Allowable Amounts
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- b. Cover funding deficiencies in the NFP and milk components and operational expenses related to the milk component, such as but not limited to the payment of 3% service fee of National Dairy Authority (NDA)/Philippine Carabao Center (PCC) offices, and transportation expenses for the distribution of milk from drop-off points to schools to homes of learners. In allocating the amount for the distribution cost, the SDO or the school must determine the most economical and efficient mode of transporting the milk products from the drop-off point to the school;
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11. The SDO has the option to retain or to re-allocate the School Operational Expenses (P2.00 for Hot meals/NFP and P1.00 for milk) in consideration of the varying needs of the schools (e.g. geographic location, enrolment, etc.).
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Type of Food	Fruit Juices								
Flavor	Any Flavor (Kalamansi, dalandan, melon, water melon, mango, pineapple, passion fruit, coconut, guyabano etc)								
Serving Size	200 ml or more								
Quality	Fruit juice comes from real fruit juice, not synthetic flavorings, received in good condition, no signs of damage in packs, not expired, no signs of bulging/dents								
Packaging	Individually packed in food-grade bottles. The packaging must clearly and readably indicate the Manufacturing Date and the Expiration Date. If possible, an imprinted sign per pack which indicates " NOT FOR SALE ".								
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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR NUTRITIOUS FOOD PRODUCTS

Type of Food	Enhanced Nutribun (with certification from FNRI)																			
Serving Size	40 g - 80 g x 2 pcs in one pack																			
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Flavor	Any Flavor												
Serving Size	50 - 100 g												
Quality	Nutripacks received in good condition, no signs of damage in packs, no signs of holes, pest-free, and not expired												
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Serving Size	40 g - 80 g x 2 pcs in one pack																			
Quality	Bread received in good condition, not expired, no signs of molds, no foul smell, and soft in texture.																			
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Type of Food	Crackers												
Flavor	Plain/Any Flavor												
Serving Size	60 g per pack or 30 g x 2 packs												
Quality	Products received in good condition, no signs of damage in packs, no signs of holes, pest-free, and not expired.												
Packaging	Individually packed in food-grade pouches. The packaging must clearly and readably indicate the Manufacturing Date and the Expiration Date. If possible, provide an imprinted sign per pack which indicates "NOT FOR SALE" .												
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Type of Food	Iron Fortified Rice (IFR)	
Serving Size	250- 350 g per serving (raw, uncooked)	
Quality	IFR is in good condition, not expired, no signs of molds or discoloration, no foul smell, no pests, and no lump grains.	
Packaging	250-350 g individually packed or bulk packaging in food-grade plastic pouches. The packaging must clearly and readably indicate the Manufacturing Date. and the Expiration Date. If possible, there must be an imprinted sign per pack which indicates "DepEd-SBFP, NOT FOR SALE".	
Expiration	Expiration date should be at least 6 months from the date of delivery	
Nutritional Content	250 - 350 g raw IFR:	
		Minimum Amount Per Serving
	Energy	800 -1200 Kcal
	Saturated Fat	0-7 g
	Protein	15 - 21 g
	Total Carbohydrate	190 g or more
	Iron	5 - 7 mg
Technical Requirements for Suppliers	The suppliers should be certified by DOST-FNRI as Technology Adoptor for IFR	
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Type of Food	Root crops, e.g. Camote
Serving Size	85 g x 2pcs (Approximately Contains: 256 kcal, 2 g Protein, 110 mg Calcium, 180 mcg Vit A)
Quality	Root crops received in good condition, no signs of molds, no foul smell, and no pests or insect bites
Packaging	Individually packed in paper bag/cling wrap
Signs of Expiration	Appearance of rotten parts
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Type of Food	Fruits, e.g. Banana
Serving Size	80 gm (1 pc of 14 x 3.5 cm) (Approximately Contains: 146 kcal, 1.6 gm Protein, 24 mg Calcium, 69 mcg Vit A)
Quality	Preferences: Locally Produced; Fruits received in good condition, not rotten, smells fresh, and no pests or insect bites
Packaging	Packed in paper bag/cling wrap
Signs of Expiration	Appearance of rotten parts
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Type of Food	Vegetables (Non-Leafy), e.g. Kalabasa
Serving Size	113 g/1 cup (Approximately Contains: 70 kcal, 97 gm Protein, 97 mg Calcium, 234 mcg Vit A)
Quality	Vegetables received in good condition, not rotten, fresh in color, and no pests or insect bites/infestations
Packaging	Packed in pouches
Expiration	Appearance of rotten parts or very soft
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Flavor	Any Flavor														
Serving Size	30 g														
Quality	Products received in good condition, no signs of damage in packs, no signs of holes, pest-free, and not expired														
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Flavor	Chocolate Flavor															
Serving Size	50 g															
Quality	Products received in good condition, no signs of damage in packs, no signs of holes, pest-free, and not expired															
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Type of Food	Cereals										
Flavor	Plain/Any Flavor										
Serving Size	35 gm x 2 packs										
Quality	Cereals received in good condition, no signs of damage in packs, no lumps, no signs of holes, pest-free, and not expired										
Packaging	Individually packed in food-grade pouches or 1 pouch for the number of feeding days. The packaging must clearly and readably indicate the Manufacturing Date and the Expiration Date. If possible, an imprinted sign per pack which indicates " NOT FOR SALE ".										
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Type of Food	Grains, e.g. Corn	
Flavor	Plain	
Serving Size	180 g As Purchase (64 g Edible Portion)	
Quality	Grains received in good condition, no signs of damage in packs, no signs of holes, pest-free, and not rotten	
Packaging	Individually packed in food-grade pouches or 1 pouch container for the number of feeding days.	
Signs of Expiration (If possible)	Dry or wilted husks, kernels are hard and dry, with molds and black spots	
Nutritional Content	Minimum Amount Per Serving	
	Energy	284 kcal
	Protein	7.2 g
	Calcium	13 mg
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Flavor	Plain												
Serving Size	100 g As Purchase (100 g Edible Portion)												
Quality	Legumes received in good condition, pests-free, and not rotten												
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