

Subject: Child Nutrition (CN) Database Release 19 is Now Available
Importance: High

Dear Software Developers,

The 19th Release of the Child Nutrition Database (CN19) is now available for software companies that have either received approval from the Department of Agriculture (USDA) for their nutrient analysis software or are in the process of becoming USDA -approved. CN19 is available for download from the Healthy Meals Resource System (HMRS) website at:

<http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/cndatabase.html>

As you know, there are two types of software currently approved by USDA: nutrient analysis and certification of compliance (meal pattern analysis). If your software calculates a nutrient analysis of ingredients, recipes, and menus, it must be approved by USDA for nutrient analysis. The current release of the CN Database must be included in approved nutrient analysis software. Additional information about the software approvals can be found here:

<http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/menu-planning/software-approved-usda-administrative-reviews/about-software-evaluation-and-approval>

Software companies with nutrient analysis programs approved by USDA are required to submit their software updated with CN19 by no later than Monday, July 6, 2015.

Below are a few notes and reminders related to the nutrient analysis software requirements:

1. Vitamin A in RAE has been removed from the CN Database. CN19 only reports vitamin A in IU. Vitamin A data in RAE from the CN Database must be removed from the software.
2. All source code 3 data added to the CN Database prior to March 2011 has been marked as discontinued and will be removed with CN20. We are moving forward with plans to provide more up-to-date industry data.
3. The following language must be used when announcing or marketing your software's USDA-approval for nutrient analysis: "*(program name)* is USDA-approved for nutrient analyses required in the school meal programs."
4. USDA will not be reviewing, evaluating, or approving any software functionality related to Smart Snacks in Schools (competitive foods). Information related to Smart Snacks in Schools can be found here: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/smart-snacks-school>

5. The online web tool for manufacturer's to use to add data to the CN Database remains open. You may refer your food industry contacts to the tool found here: <http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/menu-planning/software-approved-usda-administrative-reviews/child-nutrition-database>

In addition, we would like to provide updates for developers with software approved for certification of compliance for lunch:

1. All software with approved meal pattern, certification of compliance, modules will need to be submitted by Monday, July 6, 2015 to continue approval. Software approvals for the certification of compliance will continue during the brief annual evaluation, similar to the evaluation process for nutrient analysis.
2. State agencies may authorize the use of the breakfast functionality of software currently approved for certification of compliance with the National School Lunch Program meal pattern requirements.
3. The following language must be used when announcing or marketing your software's USDA-approval for certification of compliance: "*(program name)* is USDA-approved for use in certification of compliance with the National School Lunch Program meal pattern requirements."

Please submit all software to the software evaluation team of Natalie Partridge (Natalie.partridge@ars.usda.gov; 413-739-3563) and Kaushalya Heendeniya (kaushalya.heendeniya1@fns.usda.gov; 703-305-0037).

Please notify Natalie and Kaushalya immediately if your nutrient analysis software users will not be provided with an updated version which includes CN19, by the start of the new school year, which begins on July 1, 2015.

You may also contact the team members with any questions.

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