



Food Distribution National Policy Memorandum

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Agriculture

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Food and
Nutrition
Service

POLICY NO. FD-009: State Processing

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SUBJECT: Labeling Processed End Products

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State processing program regulations at §250.30(i)(1) require that processors not substituting donated commodities in accordance with §250.30(f) label end products with the statement “Contains commodities donated by the United States Department of Agriculture. This Product Shall Be Sold Only to Eligible Recipient Agencies.” Agriculture Marketing Service and the Food Safety and Inspection Service personnel review these labels before they can be used.

Processors have indicated that abbreviations would make the label shorter and reduce the space required to accommodate the label. While the use of abbreviations can make the label shorter, many members of the general public do not know the acronym “USDA.” Using this abbreviation could obscure the important message conveyed by the label.

Processors are permitted to abbreviate the “United States” portion of the statement on the label.

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