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Food and
Nutrition
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SUBJECT: Notice to Recipients – USDA Commodity Frozen Fruit Cups

TO: Regional Directors
Child Nutrition Programs
All Regions

State Distributing Agency Directors Administering - SCH
All States

Vendors providing frozen fruit cups are required to have an identifiable code on each of the primary containers reflecting the date of pack. To meet this requirement, the majority of the vendors are using the actual date of pack on the **primary containers i.e. individual cups**. This date is not a best-if-used-by or an expiration date.

Based on the number of questions and concerns received in School Year 2007/2008, we have requested that all vendors immediately change to a Julian date on the containers, but unfortunately, the majority of the product has already been packed. We have changed our Commodity Specifications for next year and beyond by requiring only Julian dates on the primary containers.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David C. Brothers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A handwritten word "for" in black ink, written in a cursive style below the signature.

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