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SUBJECT: Reporting Compliance with the Food Safety Inspection Requirement Reauthorization 2004: Implementation Memo SP-24

TO: Special Nutrition Programs
All Regions

State Agencies
Child Nutrition Programs
All States

Section 9(h) of the National School Lunch Act requires each State agency (SA) to monitor and report to the Secretary of Agriculture the number of food safety inspections obtained by institutions that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP). As indicated in the interim rule on School Food Safety Inspections published in the Federal Register at 70 FR 34627 on June 15, 2005, the report will be due to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) by November 15, following each of School Years 2005-2006 through 2008-2009, beginning November 15, 2006.

To fulfill this requirement, you must collect information on the number of food safety inspections conducted in schools under your jurisdiction during each of School Years 2005-2006 through 2008-2009. You must then submit to FNS a compilation of that information indicating the following:

- The number of schools which had zero health inspections during the school year covered by the report.
- The number of schools which had one health inspection during the school year covered by the report.
- The number of schools which had two health inspections during the school year covered by the report.
- The number of schools which had more than two health inspections during the school year covered by the report.

This information may be submitted by letter to the Director of the Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, or by e-mail to NSLPFoodSafetyInspections@fns.usda.gov.

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You may contact Marisol Benesch of the Child Nutrition Division staff at 703-305-2590 or by e-mail at Marisol.Benesch@fns.usda.gov if you have questions on this requirement.

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