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This will be monitored at reviews.

ALL Commercially Prepared Combination Food Products (CPCF) **MUST** have a Child Nutrition Label (CN label) or Product Formulation Statement to be creditable on the Food Program and **NO** part of a CPCF product may be used towards the meal pattern without a CN label or Product Formulation Statement.

What is a Commercially Prepared Combination Food?

A commercial combination food product is any store-bought food that combines two or more menu components in a single food item. Here are a few common examples of commercial combination foods.

Combination Food Product This Product Combines...

Frozen or Take-out Pizza	Bread (crust) and Meat (cheese, meat)
Corn dogs	Bread (breading) and Meat (hot dog)
Breaded Chicken Products	Bread (breading) and Meat (chicken)
Ravioli (frozen or canned) and other Pasta Entrees (Lasagna, etc)	Bread (pasta) and Protein (beef or cheese)
Canned or Frozen Soups and Stews	Vegetable (vegetables) and Meat (beef)
Breaded Fish Products	Bread (breading) and Meat (fish)
Meatballs, Meatloaf, Salisbury Steaks	Meat (Beef/Pork) and Bread (Cracker, Bread, etc.)

This is a limited list there are many more Combination Foods.

Why is the CN label or Product Formulation Statement so important?

Without documented proof of a product's composition, there is no way of knowing how much of each component is in the product. We have all seen canned Chicken Noodle soups where you only find a few small chunks of chicken and the rest is noodle.

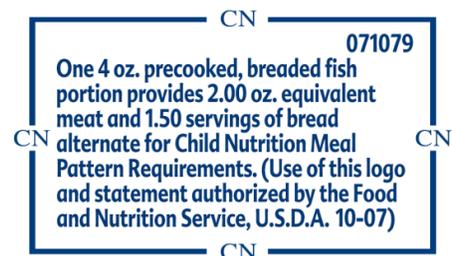
What information is on a CN Label and what does it look like?

The CN label includes:

- Statement of the product's contribution toward meal pattern requirements 6-digit product identification number
- Statement specifying that the use of the CN label was authorized by FNS month and year of approval

A CN label on a product does not mean that the food provides an entire serving of a meal component.

When using CN-labeled products, be sure to meet CACFP portion requirements.



Where do I find CN Labeled Foods?

CN labeled products, such as pizza and breaded meat and poultry products, are usually packaged in bulk quantities for food service operations. They are seldom available in typical food stores. You may have success at warehouse stores such as Sam's Club and Costco.

What is a Product Formulation Statement?

Not all food manufacturers participate in CN labeling, they instead may have Product Formulation Statement that specifies the composition of their product. The sheet must include a statement of the amount of cooked lean meat/meat alternate, grain/bread, and/or fruit/ vegetable components that are in each serving of the food. This sheet must be signed by an official of the manufacturer (not a salesperson).

How do I obtain a Product Formulation Statement?

Call the phone number for the company located on the package and explain that you need the child nutrition information for the product. You will need the products UPC number. You may also obtain Product Formulation Statements on the internet.