

Retailer Notice

New Guidance on How to Meet the Updated Staple Food Stocking Standards

New Retailer Staple Food Stocking Standards Start November 4

Earlier this year, USDA Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA) published updates to the stocking standards required for most retailers authorized to accept SNAP benefits.

Starting on November 4, 2026, retailers must comply with these standards or **risk losing their ability to accept SNAP**.

Generally, these changes do not apply to specialty food stores, such as butchers, fish markets, and produce stands, which are commonly authorized by having more than 50 percent of their total sales in staple foods.

How can I learn more?

Visit www.fna.usda.gov/snap/retailer/stocking-standards-rule for new guidance.

Additional guidance is forthcoming.

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