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SUBJECT: Modifications to the list of the Department of Agriculture (USDA)-
Approved Nutrient Analysis Software

TO: Regional Directors
Special Nutrition Programs
All Regions

State Agencies
Child Nutrition Programs
All States

This is to inform you of a recent change to the list of USDA-approved Nutrient Standard Menu Planning (NSMP) and School Meals Initiative (SMI) nutrient analysis software programs available to State agencies, school food authorities (SFAs) and local schools to meet SMI requirements. The *Bon Appetit* system by Pacific Triangle Software, Inc., has not met the USDA requirements for use in conducting nutrient analyses for NSMP and SMI requirements. The USDA-approved status for *Bon Appetit* will expire on July 1, 2010, because the software was not updated to include the most recent Child Nutrition Database Release 13. Bon Appetit/Pacific Triangle Software, Inc., customers are encouraged to purchase new USDA-approved nutrient analysis software as soon as possible, but by no later than July 1, 2010.

State agencies, SFAs and local schools that are currently using *Bon Appetit* must be notified of the change in approval status and instructed to begin the procurement process for purchasing new software approved for use in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs (NSLP and SBP) from the list located at the Healthy Meals Resource System website (HMRS). Current Bon Appetit/Pacific Triangle Software, Inc., customers may continue to use the *Bon Appetit* software until the end of the 2009-2010 school year. The current list of USDA-approved software programs can be found at: <http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/software.html>.

Potential customers considering the purchase of *Bon Appetit* for use in the NSLP and SBP for the 2009-2010 school year should be instructed to redirect their procurement efforts to include any of the other USDA-approved software packages listed at the HMRS website.

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It is important that the information regarding this change in USDA-approved software is disseminated to SFAs in a timely manner so that schools can be equipped with accurate and up-to-date approved nutrient analysis software for the 2010-2011 school year.

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