

AMS Issues Clarification Regarding Updated Resource for the GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GS1 GDSN) Requirement for USDA Foods Vendors

On January 28, 2025, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) issued a notice regarding the updated [List of Required Products for GS1 GDSN Reporting](#) for USDA Foods vendors. This communication outlined several changes to this resource as a result of the updates made to the [USDA Foods in Schools Foods Available List for School Year 2025-2026](#), including a specification update for the following USDA Foods in Schools yogurt products:

- 111750 – Yogurt, High-Protein, Vanilla, Chilled (K) – 6/32 oz tub
- 110400 – Yogurt, High-Protein, Blueberry, Chilled (K) – 24/4 oz cup
- 110401 – Yogurt, High-Protein, Strawberry, Chilled (K) – 24/4 oz cup
- 110402 – Yogurt, High-Protein, Vanilla, Chilled (K) – 24/4 oz cup

The notice indicated that the product specification was updated to include the product-based added sugars limit for yogurt of no more than 12 grams of added sugars per 6 ounces (2 grams of added sugars per ounce) to align with the [Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans Final Rule](#). Additional language was added to the specification for yogurt to prohibit the use of non-nutritive sweeteners as an alternative to added sugars.

The [recently updated nutrition standards and meal requirements](#) do not prohibit non-nutritive sweeteners in foods offered through school meals. The restriction of non-nutritive sweeteners outlined above only applies to specifications for USDA Foods yogurt products (materials 111750, 110400, 110401, 110402).

Non-nutritive sweeteners are prohibited in USDA Foods yogurt products because current USDA Foods vendors already supply products that meet the added sugars limit without non-nutritive sweeteners. USDA Foods specifications are regularly revised to be responsive to recipient feedback and ensure product uniformity across vendors. While non-nutritive sweeteners are prohibited in USDA Foods yogurt products, they are not prohibited in other foods by the nutrition standards and meal requirements for school meals.

Please contact the USDA Foods team at USDAFoods@usda.gov with any questions.