NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

SFA Accommodation Plan SY 2026-2027

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has implemented the first threshold limit for non-domestic food purchases began in SY 2025-2026. Non-domestic food purchases by the SFAs cannot exceed the annual threshold, which for SY 26 – SY 28 is 10 percent of total commercial food expenditures. This is intended to shift more purchases to domestic products (7 CFR 210.21(d)(5)(ii)(A) and 7 CFR 220.16(d)(5)(ii)(A)).

For SFAs who have found that they will exceed the 10% limit this year, accommodation is available upon request. Use the following form for the request.

Reminder:

- This is not an exemption from completing the Buy American Justification worksheet required for non-domestic purchases that are not on the FAR 25.104 list.
- It also does not exempt the SFA from tracking ALL non domestic purchases: Buy American Tracking Tool

By completing this 3-question form, the SFA requests accommodation for SY26-27 that allows them to exceed the 10 percent threshold, upon approval from the state agency per USDA SP 09-2026.

District Name: _____

Person/Title Requesting Accommodation:

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Name Title

Contact Information: Email:_____

Phone: _____

1. **Please select all categories of food that require accommodation from the threshold requirement (i.e., exceeding 10 percent):**
   - ❑ Fruit
   - ❑ Vegetables
   - ❑ Fruit/Vegetable Juices
   - ❑ Cereals
   - ❑ Other, please specify_____
2. **List the non-domestic Items you are using for National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and Afterschool Snack program.**

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3. **Please select all that apply for reasons for the accommodation from the threshold requirement (i.e., exceeding 10 percent):**
   - ❑ Timing of the procurement cycle
   - ❑ Student preference/anticipated participation impacts
   - ❑ Items that help meet meal standards
   - ❑ Items that facilitate meal service models (e.g., Grab n' Go, Breakfast in the Classroom)
   - ❑ Other, please describe:_____

4. **Provide a brief overview of the steps you are taking to meet the 10% threshold, along with an estimated timeline for compliance.** This may include:
   - calculating baseline percentage of non-domestic items
   - identifying items that can be substituted successfully in menus
   - implementation of menu changes
   - reviewing documentation to confirm compliance
   - planning for continuous compliance
   - any other information affecting the implementation guideline

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5. Please share any further details regarding this request.

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Please return form to: NDDPI-Child Nutrition and Distribution office
Mail: 600 E. Boulevard, Dept 201, Bismarck, ND 58505
Email: dpicnfd@nd.gov FAX: 701-328-9566

NDDPI-CNFD Approval: _____ _____
Signature, Title Date

NDDPI-CNFD Denial: _____ _____
Signature, Title Date

Reason for Denial:

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