

About the WIC Formula Database

The WIC Formula Database provides general information about WIC-eligible infant formulas, exempt infant formulas, and WIC-eligible medical foods that have been determined by FNS to meet Federal WIC requirements. This database does NOT identify State WIC food lists. State agencies do not have to authorize all foods that meet WIC-eligibility requirements. Links to the manufacturer are provided so that the most current nutrient content, package size, and other detailed product information can be found easily. This database is intended to be a resource for Regional offices and WIC staff at State and local agencies.

Disclaimer for WIC Formula Database

As a courtesy, FNS has determined that the products listed in this database meet the minimum Federal requirements for eligibility in the WIC Program as an infant formula, exempt infant formula, or medical food based on the information provided to us by the various manufacturers.

This database is not a compliance document. FNS cannot assure that every WIC-eligible formula or medical food appears on the listing since only products requested for review are listed here. WIC eligibility status is not transferable to formulation changes or new formulations with the same name. Products may change after FNS reviewed the product. Therefore it is the State agency's responsibility to verify that products meet minimum Federal requirements when updating the State WIC authorized food list.

What is the difference between a "WIC eligible food" and a "WIC authorized supplemental food"?

The term “**WIC eligible food**” refers to a food or food product, such as infant formula, exempt infant formula, or medical food, which meets the minimum **Federal WIC regulatory requirements**. These Federal regulatory requirements specify the food categories, maximum monthly allowances, and the nutritional requirements for all WIC-eligible foods. It is not required that FNS verify the WIC-eligibility status of foods and food products, however it is the responsibility of WIC State agencies to ensure regulatory requirements are met when authorizing supplemental foods for the WIC Program in the State. **More information:**

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/benefitsandservices/foodpkgregs.HTM>.

Authorized supplemental foods are WIC-eligible foods that are approved for issuance by the State Agency that administers the WIC Program in each State. State agencies do not have to authorize all foods that meet WIC-eligibility requirements. State agency decisions may be influenced by the following factors: cost, product distribution within a State, participant acceptance, and administrative feasibility.

For information on getting a formula approved see:

http://www.nal.usda.gov/wicworks/Learning_Center/FP/Manufacturers_Fact.pdf

Resources on the **safety of infant formula (including recalls)** are available from the **FDA, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition** at <http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/Product-SpecificInformation/InfantFormula/default.htm>.