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Schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) have to meet the USDA specific nutritional requirements. These requirements are detailed in the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs and specifically Section 1 Meat/Meat Alternatives address the creditable cheese products:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-school-meal-programs

Per these requirements the stock number STK20598 PASTEURIZED PROCESS AMERICAN CHEESE is credited as a meat alternative as 1 oz (28 grams) cheese which provides 1 oz meat equivalent /meat alternate. Per serving, 2 Slices (28 grams) = 1 oz, which provides a 100% Meat Equivalent. CN labeling is not required.

All other applicable program regulations must be followed including the requirement that a serving of finished food served as part of a meal must contribute a minimum of 0.25 ounces of meat or meat alternative to count towards the meat/meat alternative requirement.

Any updates to these regulations after the above noted regulations dates would need to be taken into consideration.

Sincerely,

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