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04.03.2018 Technical Correction: FNS Regulatory Implementation of Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Administrative Requirements

In a [Federal Register Notice](#) published on April 3, 2018, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) posted a document containing technical corrections to the Code of Federal Regulations regarding the Final rule published in the Federal Register on [September 28, 2016](#), "Food and Nutrition Service Regulatory Implementation of Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards."

04.19.2018 Paid Lunch Equity: Guidance for School Year 2018-19

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) released a memo on April 24, 2018, titled [Paid Lunch Equity: Guidance for School Year 2018-19](#). The memo provides notice that any school food authority (SFA) with a positive or zero balance in its nonprofit school food service account as of January 31, 2018, is exempt from Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) requirements for school year 2018-19. SFAs that had a negative balance in the nonprofit school food service account as of that date must follow PLE requirements when establishing their prices for paid lunches in school year 2018-19.

04.24.2018 Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee

In a [Federal Register Notice](#) published on April 24, 2018, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued notice that it intends to reestablish the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee (FVIAC) and seeks nominations of individuals to be considered for the Committee. The FVIAC examines the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry, and provides recommendations and ideas to the Secretary of Agriculture on how the Department can tailor its programs to better meet industry needs. Written nominations must be postmarked on or before May 24, 2018.

05.01.2018 Revisions and Clarifications in Requirements for the Processing of Donated Foods

In a [Federal Register Notice](#) published on May 1, 2018, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) issued a rule effective July 2, 2018, that revises and clarifies requirements for the processing of donated foods. The rule requires multi-State processors to enter into National Processing Agreements to process donated foods into end products, permits processors to substitute commercially purchased beef and pork of U.S. origin and of equal or better quality for donated beef and pork, and streamlines and modernizes oversight of inventories of donated foods at processors. The rule also revises regulatory provisions in plain language, to make them easier to read and understand.

05.08.2018 Child Nutrition Programs: Income Eligibility Guidelines

In a [Federal Register Notice](#) published on May 8, 2018, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced the Department's annual adjustments to the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be used in determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals and free milk for the period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The adjustments

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are required by section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

07.17.2017 Identifying Regulatory Reform Initiatives - Final Chance to Submit Comments on Regulatory Reform

In a [Federal Register Notice](#) published on July 17, 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), pursuant to [Executive Order 13777](#), announced it is requesting information from the public on how the Department can provide better customer service and remove unintended barriers to participation in its programs. Specifically, the department is looking for ideas on regulations, guidance documents, or any other policy documents that need reform. **The deadline to submit comments is July 17, 2018.**

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