POLICY ALERT

Date: April 16, 1993       Reference #: SNP 93-2
To: All CACFP, NSLP, SBP, and SFSP Contractors
Subject: Variations in Meal Requirements for Religious Reasons: Seventh Day Adventist Schools, Institutions and Sponsors
Effective: Upon Receipt

Seventh-Day Adventist schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP), institutions and their facilities participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and sponsors and sites in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) may use meat analogues (plant protein products) at the 100 percent level to meet the meat/meat alternate component and quantity requirements for breakfasts, lunches, suppers, and supplements.

Meat analogues are nutritionally comparable to and acceptable as meat alternates. They are foods of plant origin, usually soy and wheat, which are made to resemble meat, poultry and fish in appearance, texture, and flavor.

Attached is FNS Instruction 783-14, Rev. 1, which includes food buying guide information for Seventh-Day Adventist schools and institutions. Please add this information to your current food buying guide.

The attachment provides guidance to assist Seventh-Day Adventist entities in:

- determining contributions the meat analogues listed make to the meat/meat alternate component, and
- purchasing the correct quantities of these products for the number of children to be served.

The information may also be used by administering agencies in reviewing meals served to verify that they meet quantity requirements for meat/meat alternates.

If you plan to use this option for reimbursable meals, you must notify your contract manager before doing so.

Please contact your contract manager if you have any questions.