Commercially Prepared Combination Food Items

- Commercially prepared combination food items can only be credited to the CACFP meal pattern when the actual content (i.e. meat, bread, etc.) is known and documented.
- Acceptable documentation includes the actual Child Nutrition (CN) label marked on the product, or a manufacturer's product formulation statement signed by an official of the manufacturer.
- A CN labeled product will always contain the following:
  - The CN logo, which is a distinct border;
  - The meal pattern contribution statement;
  - A unique 6-digit product identification number (assigned by USDA/FNS) appearing in the upper right hand corner of the CN logo;
  - The USDA/FNS authorization statement
  - The month and year of final FNS approval

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Four 1.00 oz. fish nuggets with vegetable protein product provides 2.00 oz. equivalent meat/meat alternate and 1.75 servings of bread alternate for Child Nutrition Meal Pattern Requirements. (Use of this logo and statement authoriz by the Food and Consumer Service, USDA 04-98).

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Casa de Bertacchi Meatballs

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To Whom It May Concern:

A serving of 5 Italian Style Meatballs provides 2 oz meat/meat alternate.

We certify that the above information is true and correct.

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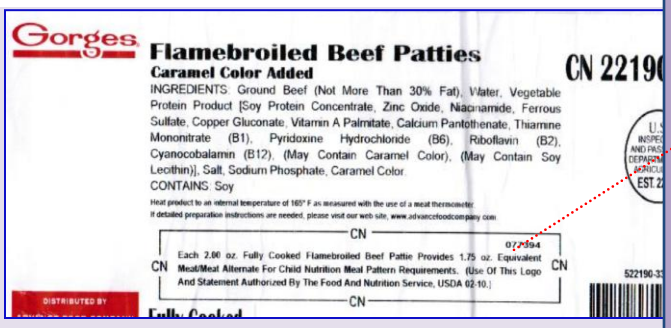
Commercially prepared combination food items include some of the following commonly purchased items: breaded chicken nuggets, patties, tenders, pizza (any type), canned and frozen ravioli, precooked Salisbury steak, pizza rolls, precooked meatballs, corn dogs, fish sticks, and cheese sauce

For Example Only

Two 1.00 oz breaded fish sticks provide 1.00 oz meat equivalent and .50 serving of bread alternate

Meat (m/ma) and bread equivalent calculations:

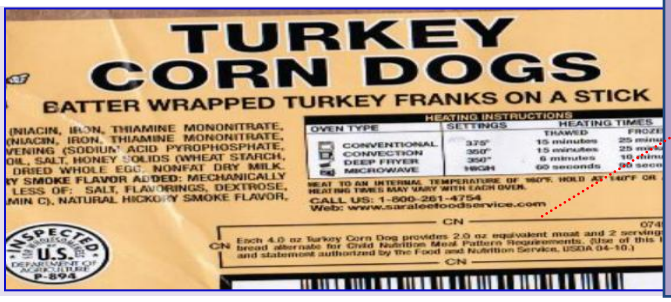
2 oz m/ma = 4 fish sticks (1 ½ bread serving)



Each 2.00 oz fully cooked beef patty provides 1.75 oz of meat equivalent

Meat (m/ma) equivalent calculation:

2 oz m/ma = 1 ¼ burger



Each 4.00 oz turkey corn dog provides 2.00 oz of meat equivalent and 2 servings of bread alternate

Meat (m/ma) and bread equivalent calculations:

2 oz m/ma = 1 corn dog (2 bread serving)