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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter provides specific information to identify meat equivalents for StarKist Tuna products that contribute to the USDA National School Breakfast and Lunch Program Guidelines.

StarKist 43 oz. Chunk Light Tuna in Water, Reduced Sodium pouch (SKU #514540)

3 oz. Tuna = 3 oz. meat equivalent for the USDA National School Lunch program.

The above information is provided to assist school food service operators in creating meal plans according to the FNS Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs. For further information regarding the nutrition information please contact your Acosta Food Service Sales Representative.

Sincerely,

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Sample Product Formulation Statement (Product Analysis) for Meat/Meat Alternate (M/MA) Products

Child Nutrition Program operators should include a copy of the label from the purchased product carton in addition to the following information on letterhead signed by an official company representative.

Product Name: Chunk Light Tuna in Water, Reduced Sodium Code No.: 514540

Manufacturer: StarKist Case/Pack/Count/Portion/Size: 6/43oz. pouches

I. Meat/Meat Alternate

Please fill out the chart below to determine the creditable amount of Meat/Meat Alternate

Description of Creditable Ingredients per Food Buying Guide (FBG)	Ounces per Raw Portion of Creditable Ingredient	Multiply	FBG Yield/ Servings Per Unit	Creditable Amount *
Seafood, canned tuna, chunk	3.0 oz.	X	1	3 oz.
		X		
		X		
A. Total Creditable M/MA Amount¹				

*Creditable Amount - Multiply ounces per raw portion of creditable ingredient by the FBG Yield Information.

II. Alternate Protein Product (APP)

If the product contains APP, please fill out the chart below to determine the creditable amount of APP. If APP is used, you must provide documentation as described in Attachment A for each APP used.

Description of APP, manufacture's name, and code number	Ounces Dry APP Per Portion	Multiply	% of Protein As-Is*	Divide by 18**	Creditable Amount APP***
		X		÷ by 18	
		X		÷ by 18	
		X		÷ by 18	
B. Total Creditable APP Amount¹					
C. TOTAL CREDITABLE AMOUNT (A + B rounded down to nearest ¼ oz)					

*Percent of Protein As-Is is provided on the attached APP documentation.

**18 is the percent of protein when fully hydrated.

***Creditable amount of APP equals ounces of Dry APP multiplied by the percent of protein as-is divided by 18.

¹Total Creditable Amount must be rounded **down** to the nearest 0.25oz (1.49 would round down to 1.25 oz meat equivalent). Do **not** round up. If you are crediting M/MA and APP, you do not need to round down in box A (Total Creditable M/MA Amount) until after you have added the Total Creditable APP Amount from box B to box C.

Total weight (per portion) of product as purchased 3.0 oz

Total creditable amount of product (per portion) 3.0 oz

(Reminder: Total creditable amount cannot count for more than the total weight of product.)

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that a 3 ounce serving of the above product (ready for serving) contains 3 ounces of equivalent meat/meat alternate when prepared according to directions.

I further certify that any APP used in the product conforms to the Food and Nutrition Service Regulations (7 CFR Parts 210, 220, 225, 226, Appendix A) as demonstrated by the attached supplier documentation.

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Signature

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