



Department of Health

RFI – Approved Food Items for the New York State WIC Program

Questions and Answers Posted December 1, 2025

Question #	Corresponding RFI Section	Question	Answer
1.	4. Food Product Specifications	In the past NY WIC only allowed 16oz breads and rolls. For this RFP can any weight 100% Whole Wheat or Whole Grain bread/roll be submitted?	Whole wheat and whole grain bread and rolls in any size package may be submitted.
2.	4. Food Product Specifications 5.1. RFI Response and Electronic Submission Requirements	Am I reading this correctly, that all currently approved foods on the NY WIC Approved Food list as well as any potential new items need to be submitted for consideration for approval by Dec 15 th ?	Yes, information must be submitted for products in the requested food categories that are currently listed on the NYS WIC Program Approved Product List (APL) and/or new products to be considered for inclusion on the NYS WIC Program APL. As stated in Section 4 Food Product Specifications, currently approved products that continue to meet all requirements and programmatic needs will not be removed from the NYS WIC Program APL as a result of this RFI.
3.	4. Food Product Specifications 5.1. RFI Response and Electronic Submission Requirements	Just wanted to make sure I read it correctly, all items that are on the APL need to be submitted again for review?	Yes, information must be submitted for products in the requested food categories that are currently listed on the NYS WIC Program APL. As stated in Section 4 Food Product Specifications, currently approved products that continue to meet all requirements and programmatic needs will not be removed from the NYS WIC Program APL as a result of this RFI.

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4.	4. Food Product Specifications	Kindly confirm if infant foods are not included in the RFI.	This is confirmed. Infant foods are not included in this RFI.
5.	4. Food Product Specifications 5.1. RFI Response and Electronic Submission Requirements	Would you be able to clarify if all items (Wegmans WIC acceptable) need to be submitted even if they are already approved and on the APL?	Yes, information must be submitted for products in the requested food categories that are currently listed on the NYS WIC Program APL and/or new products to be considered for inclusion on the NYS WIC Program APL. As stated in Section 4 Food Product Specifications, currently approved products that continue to meet all requirements and programmatic needs will not be removed from the NYS WIC Program APL as a result of this RFI.
6.	4. Food Product Specifications	What size bread loafs do you accept?	Whole wheat or whole grain bread in any size package may be submitted.
7.	5.1. RFI Response and Electronic Submission Requirements	I am a consultant and support a food manufacturer that will be submitting an RFI response. For the "Company Identification" and "Company Assurances" section, is it expected that these documents will reflect the information and signature of my client (the food manufacturer) rather than my (the consultant completing the form) information/signature? Any clarity would be appreciated.	The Company Identification and Assurances Form must reflect the information of the company submitting the RFI response.
8.	4. Food Product Specifications	We noticed that the RFI does not request information for peanut butter or infant foods. Are you reviewing these categories?	Peanut butter and infant foods are not included in this RFI.
9.	5.1. RFI Response and Electronic Submission Requirements	The instructions state that the assurance form must be filled out completely and signed electronically. However, I do not see an option to sign the form electronically. Could you please clarify how the electronic signature should be provided, or share an example of a correctly completed form.	The form must first be downloaded and then saved. Then a digital ID signature can be added by clicking the Authorized Representative's Signature field and following the prompts. Alternatively, the Department would accept a wet ink, hand-signed signature that is uploaded to be electronically submitted.
10.	5.1. RFI Response and Electronic Submission Requirements	For the digital image submissions, should the files be in JPEG format?	JPEG files are preferred but any digital file format, such as PDF, will be accepted.
11.	4. Food Product Specifications	Do you plan to review Fluid Dairy Milk in this food review? Fluid Dairy Milk was not mentioned in your Food Product Specifications. We also did not see a tab for Fluid Dairy Milk in your food submission template.	No, fluid cow's milk is not included in this RFI. Fluid goat milk will be accepted.

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12.	4. Food Product Specifications	Do you plan to review Peanut Butter in this food review? Peanut Butter was not mentioned in your Food Product Specifications. We also did not see a tab for Peanut Butter in your food submission template.	No, peanut butter is not included in this RFI.
13.	4. Food Product Specifications	Do you plan to review Infant Fruit & Vegetables in this food review? Infant Fruit & Vegetables was not mentioned in your Food Product Specifications. We also did not see a tab for Infant Fruit & Vegetables in your food submission template.	No, infant fruits and vegetables are not included in this RFI.
14.	4. Food Product Specifications	Will you consider cage free eggs in this food review?	Yes, cage free eggs will be considered.
15.	3. Who Should Respond 5.1. RFI Response and Electronic Submission Requirements	I'm inquiring about the requirement for completion of the NYS Company Identification and Assurances Form. Is this to be completed by a Retailer selling eggs in stores under the NY WIC program or by the supplier of eggs to a retailer?	Please see RFI Section 3 Who Should Respond. This RFI is seeking information from manufacturers and distributors, and their representatives. The NYS Company Identification and Assurance Form must be completed by the individual/company submitting the RFI response.