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## Vendor News Flash

### Frozen Fruit and Vegetables

Starting October 1, 2016, the Texas WIC Program will offer any size package of frozen fruits and vegetables (including frozen beans and peas such as lima beans, black-eyed peas and other varieties) as an option to WIC Participants. If you have any frozen fruits, vegetables or beans that are less than 9 ounces and you would like to add it to the Authorized Product List (APL), please submit a clear copy of the labels to [wicupc@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:wicupc@dshs.texas.gov). The copy needs to be a clear picture showing the brand name, size, nutrition facts, ingredients and the UPC barcode. Vendor Management & Operations (VMO) wants vendors to have sufficient notice of this approved foods change to assist in proper stocking of the products.

The approved food products are detailed in the table below:

FROZEN	
Allowed	Not Allowed
Box or bag	Must not have added sugar, artificial sweeteners, fats or oils
Single or mixed	Mixtures that include pasta, rice or other ingredients
Vegetables and beans with or without salt or herbs	Creamed, sauced, specially seasoned, or breaded
Organic and non-organic	

Additionally, it is critical that all vendors download the Approved Product List (APL) during the period of 10/29/16 and 10/31/16. Stores that fail to connect to the State EBT host during this time period will **NOT** be able to sell the new allowed foods to WIC participants until an updated APL is downloaded.

VMO is ready to assist our vendor partners with any questions regarding the Vendor News Flash. If you have questions, please contact the Vendor Outreach Branch at [wicvendorinfo@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:wicvendorinfo@dshs.texas.gov).