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VENDOR ALERT 2014 – 16

TO: ALL WIC VENDORS
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZED EGG CHANGES UNDER PROPOSITION 2

Purpose The California Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is notifying vendors of changes to the kind of eggs that can be sold in California, effective January 1, 2015.

Background Proposition 2, the Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act, was approved by voters in 2008. The Act prohibits the confinement of farm animals in a way that prevents them from turning, lying down, standing, and fully extending their limbs freely.

In 2010, Assembly Bill 1437 was signed by the Governor, requiring all shelled eggs sold in the state to comply with the animal confinement restrictions described in the Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act. These requirements will become effective on January 1, 2015. Individuals that violate the new law may be charged with a misdemeanor and can be fined up to \$1000 or jailed up to 180 days.

More information about the new law can be found at these links:

Health & Safety Code §§ 25990-25994: Farm Animal Cruelty:
http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&division=20.&title=&part=&chapter=13.8.&article=

Health & Safety Code §§ 25995-25997.1: Shelled Eggs:
http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&division=20.&title=&part=&chapter=14.&article=

What has Changed All eggs sold in California must comply with the new law. These requirements apply to eggs transported to California from another state.

Large white eggs that comply with the new law are WIC-authorized and not considered specialty eggs. WIC shoppers can still use their WIC food instrument vouchers to buy a dozen large white chicken eggs of any brand that complies with the new egg requirements.

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- Action for Vendors**
1. Check with your egg supplier to make sure that the eggs you are selling in your store comply with the new law.
 2. Sell only eggs that comply with the new law to all customers. If a vendor sells eggs that you know do not comply with the new law you may be charged with a misdemeanor, even if those eggs come from another state.
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3. Continue to only sell eggs to WIC shoppers as described in the WIC Authorized Food List and Shopping Guide. You can find the Shopping Guide at this link: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/wicworks/WIC%20Foods/WICAuthorizedFoodListShoppingGuide-7-5-2011.pdf.pdf>
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Questions

If you have additional questions, contact your WIC Vendor Consultant or call toll-free (855) WIC-STOR or (855) 942-7867. You may also contact the WIC Vendor Management Branch by email at WICVENDORINFO@cdph.ca.gov.

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