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Letter of Authorization to Release USDA Commodities

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MEMORANDUM

TO: County School Food Service Authorities
(Names of Counties Authorized)

FROM: Gloria M. Van Treese, Chief
Bureau of Food Distribution

SUBJECT: (Name of Disaster or Situation of Distress) - Release of USDA Commodities

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Southeast Regional Office, has been notified that it may be necessary to release USDA commodities to feed those individuals affected by (Name of disaster or situation of distress). Should the need arise due to the storms, you are authorized to release USDA commodities to representatives of the American Red Cross (ARC) and/or the Salvation Army (TSA) for congregate feeding.

Should it become necessary to release food for mass feeding, remember to keep very careful and detailed records of any food items used. Pursuant to USDA's instructions for Single Inventory and Recordkeeping Requirements, in case of a Presidential declared disaster, entitlement credit will be available to school food service authorities that furnish food for feeding of the affected population. Credit cannot exceed the lesser of the actual commodities supplied or the amount of commodity received during the immediately preceding 12 months. Please notify Martha Jones, Bureau of Food Distribution, in writing, via e-mail at jonesm@doacs.state.fl.us or fax, 850-488-6961, within 15 days after commodities are no longer necessary for the feeding of disaster victims, of the types and quantities of food items you released to the ARC and TSA.

As a reminder, when USDA commodities are released as a result of a disaster, the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army may use these commodities for congregate mass feeding of impacted persons at any of the shelters, comfort stations or at mobile feeding sites. These feeding facilities **do not** have to be located in school buildings or even in the same county.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Jones at 850-488-8835.

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cc: American Red Cross
The Salvation Army