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**REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE SCHOOL MEALS' WHOLE GRAIN-RICH
 REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019**

WAIVER REQUEST

Instructions: Please complete this form electronically and submit it via e-mail to Laura Henry, Laura.Henry@state.nm.us. Note: the boxes automatically expand as you add text.

Food Service Director: _____

District/School: _____

Mailing Address: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Secondary Contact: _____ Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Date of Submission _____

Signature of Food Service Director _____

Signature of Superintendent _____

APPLICABLE STATUTE AND/OR STATE RULE:

- 7 CFR Part C 210.10 (c)(iv)(A), Grains component
- USDA Memo SP33-2016: Extension Notice: Requests for Exemption from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rich Requirement for School Year 16-17

The SFA must provide documentation to demonstrate at least one of the following hardships (check all that apply):

- A significant drop in meal counts when serving whole grain-rich (WGR) products
- A significant cost increase when procuring WGR products
- That they do not have access to a compliant WGR product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grains item(s) temporarily
- Unacceptable product quality due to loss of desired texture or lost palatability during holding time
- Poor student acceptability with significant negative student/parent feedback or increased plate waste of that menu item when the WGR product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time

Explain the SFAs plan to achieve future compliance with the full WGR requirement once the exemption expires.

Rationale for Request:

- 1) Provide evidence that the SFA demonstrated hardship.
- 2) Document which unacceptable WGR product(s) were used and which product(s) will be substituted as a temporary replacement.

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This is a waiver for temporary flexibility for School Year 2018-2019. SFAs granted exemption must work with the state agency to seek technical assistance regarding acceptable products, alternative cooking methods, or modified recipes and must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement to offer at least half of the grain as whole grain rich products.

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Reviewed by:	Date:
<i>RATIONALE FOR APPROVAL:</i>	Date:
Laura Henry, Staff Manager	
Concur with staff recommendations for approval:	Date:
Michael Chavez, Deputy Director	
Plan for Technical Assistance:	Date:
	Date:
	Date:
<i>RATIONALE FOR NON-APPROVAL:</i>	Date:
Laura Henry, Staff Manager	
Concur with staff recommendations for non-approval:	Date:
Michael Chavez, Deputy Director	
Returned to Food Service Director and School/District by:	Date: