All food items that will be credited towards a meal component must have:

- Ingredients
- Nutrition label
- Specification sheet
- Child Nutrition (CN) label or Product formulation Statement (PFS)

**Child Nutrition (CN) Label: Meat & Meat Alternate Products**

( Need a copy of this with nutritionals)

- CN logo-distinct border-(original from box or a copy of original CN label)
- Meal pattern contribution statement
- 6-digit product identification number
- USDA/FNS authorization statement
- Month and year of approval

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**Product Formulation Statement (PFS) must meet the following criteria:**

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- Manufacturer’s letterhead
- Product name
- Code number
- Serving size
- Type of credible ingredient(s)
- Weight of credible ingredient(s)
- Date company representative signed
- Company representative certifying correctness
  - Printed name
  - Signature (original or electronic)
  - Title (quality control, director of operations, etc)

✓ Must calculate and validate the contribution of the ingredients(from PFS)- once a year or when using a new product or a reformulated product

✈ Must retain documentation on how processed food products contribute to food components of the meal pattern for 3 years (hard copies)- copy of CN label, copy of PFS (copy of validated calculations by SFA), & grain equivalency calculations