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### **Whole Grain-Rich Exemption Request Form**

SFA Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LEA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

We hereby submit the following request for exemption from the Whole Grain-Rich requirements set forth in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast program regulations at 7CFR 210.10 and 7CFR 220.8. An exemption request may be for one or more different grain products, or for a group of products. This exemption request applies to the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year and extends through the 2016-2017 school year.

1. Please list the grain products and/or group of grain products the SFA is seeking an exemption for and specify the enriched grain item the SFA would like to use temporarily.

<b><u>Whole Grain-Rich Product</u></b>	<b><u>Enriched Grain Replacement</u></b>



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2. Select the reason(s) for requesting an exemption. You must provide written justification or other documented evidence (e.g., photos, meal count records, production records) to demonstrate hardship(s) in procuring, preparing, or serving whole grain-rich products.

- ☐ Drop in participation \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Significant cost increase for WGR products \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Limited product availability \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Unacceptable product quality \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Poor student acceptability \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as the duly authorized representative of \_\_\_\_\_ [SFA Name], do hereby attest that the aforementioned SFA and all schools under its jurisdiction operating the National School Lunch Program authorized under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq), and/or the School Breakfast Program authorized under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773), are in compliance with the 2013-14 requirement to offer at least half of the grains as whole grain -rich products over the course of a school week.

I understand that if the State agency determines the SFA to be noncompliant with one or more of the requirements set forth in the whole grain-rich exemption request, fiscal action may include but not be limited to include deactivating the performance-based reimbursement, disallowance of meals, and/or withholding of payment.

- ☐ By checking this box I certify that this attestation is true and correct.

Submit to the Child Nutrition Administration Office at: [cn@nysed.gov](mailto:cn@nysed.gov)

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