



Food and Nutrition
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SUBJECT: Extension Approval of Disaster Household Distribution in Response to the National Emergency Declaration Due to COVID-19

TO: Kurt Messner
Regional Administrator
Northeast Regional Office

This memorandum is in response to the New York State Office of General Services' (New York OGS) request to extend its use of U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Foods to operate disaster household distribution beyond its initial approved end date of April 23, 2020. This request is in response to food assistance needs resulting from the COVID-19 National Emergency declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020.

New York OGS requested that USDA extend its initial approval to use USDA Foods from The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) for disaster household distribution. New York OGS will continue to use the same distribution methods to provide food assistance to approximately 250,000 individuals.

An extension is granted for disaster household distribution beginning April 24, 2020 through May 23, 2020. New York OGS is authorized to use the previously approved disaster household distribution food package to continue providing food assistance to impacted households. New York OGS must also follow same Terms of Approval as stated in our original approval letter dated March 24, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane M. Kriviski".

Diane M. Kriviski
Deputy Administrator
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