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Vendor News Flash

Least Expensive Brand (LEB) Frequently Asked Questions

Changes to LEBs in FY21

Question: Do vendors need to send in an LEB Change Request form since brown rice and dried beans will not be an LEB food category in FY21?

Answer: Starting October 1, 2020, brown rice and dried beans will change from *LEB* to *Choose Any Brand*. No, vendors do **NOT** need to send in an LEB Change Request form. The State Office will update vendor records automatically. See the [FY21 New WIC Approved Foods](#) Vendor News Flash for a list of sizes and varieties.

LEB Monitoring

Question: When will LEB monitoring resume?

Answer: The tentative start date is October 1, 2020. We will notify vendors of any changes.

LEB Declaration Forms and LEB Change Request Form Scenarios

Question: I need to declare an LEB for the first time? Which form do I use?

Answer: Complete the [LEB Declaration Form](#).

Question: I need to change a declared LEB. Which form do I use?

Answer: Complete the [LEB Declaration Change Request Form](#).

Vendor Management and Operations (VMO) is ready to assist our vendor partners. Should you have any questions regarding this Vendor News Flash, please contact VMO's Cost Containment Team at WICLEB@hhsc.state.tx.us or 1-800-252-9629.