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<p>APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER: </p>		
<p>EFFECTIVE DATE:</p>		

- I. AUTHORITY: 29 Del. C. § 8903 (4)(5)(7)
- II. PURPOSE: To establish a religious diet program in support of the various faiths of the offender population housed within our facilities.
- III. APPLICABILITY: All Department of Correction employees and offenders.
- IV. DEFINITIONS: **Vegetarian Meal** – A diet that excludes meat and consists of plant based foods. This meal includes fruits, vegetables, grains, dairy products and eggs.
- Kosher food** – Consists of three categories:
- a. Meat (which may not be prepared with the same utensils, or consumed with, dairy products);
 - b. Dairy (which may not be prepared with the same utensils, or consumed with, meat products); and
 - c. Parve (neutral products, which may be prepared or consumed with either meat or dairy products).
- Ramadan** – Islamic month of fasting in which participating Muslims refrain from eating and drinking during daylight hours.
- V. POLICY: To provide the appropriate nutritional and caloric intake for all offenders in accordance with their faith-based requirements.
- VI. PROCEDURES: The DOC shall provide a religious diet to offenders who have self reported a religious affiliation and submit their written request on the DOC Religious Diet Participation Agreement form (see attached).

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The Religious Diet Participation Agreement form must be completed by the offender, signed by security staff and submitted directly to the Food Services unit at each site. Once documentation is received, the offender will be provided with the appropriate meal within 24 to 48 hours.

Modifications to the offender's religious meal option may be made no more frequently than every 6 months. Offenders who do not adhere to the religious diet program may be removed from participation in this option. Non-participation may include findings that the offender participates in meals not permitted under their religious diet while on the approved status for the religious diet program.

Kosher Meals

Practicing Jewish offenders are authorized to receive a kosher meal three (3) times per day while incarcerated.

Non-practicing Jewish offenders are authorized to receive a kosher meal during holiday observances only. These offenders may participate in the Jewish holiday meal observances according to the Food Service religious holiday schedule.

Ramadan Meals

Offenders participating in Ramadan will receive breakfast and dinner meals with enhancements due to fasting between sunrise and sunset. Delivery of these meals will adhere to the prayer schedule and vary depending on season in which Ramadan occurs.

Vegetarian Meals

Offenders whose religion requires meals not satisfied by the regular diet can select the vegetarian meal.



DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION RELIGIOUS DIET PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

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**KOSHER
PRACTICING**

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**KOSHER
NON-PRACTICING**

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RAMADAN

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VEGETARIAN

I, _____, at _____
(Inmate - Print Name & SBI number) (Name of Facility)

would like to participate in the **Religious Diet Program**. I understand that in order for me to be served a religious diet, special foods may have to be procured for me, and special preparation practices must be used. Therefore, I agree to abide by the following conditions:

1. I understand that I may change my religious diet no more often than six (6) months.
2. I understand that if I voluntarily request the religious diet be cancelled, I must do so in writing and I must wait for a period of six (6) months before requesting the religious diet be reinstated or requesting a new religious diet.
3. During meals I will eat and possess on my food tray only those food items served as a part of the Religious Diet Program.
4. I will not purchase, possess, or consume any food items that are not permitted under my religious diet. I understand that my Commissary purchases will be routinely monitored.
5. I will not eat foods from the regular menu that are in conflict with my religious diet.
6. Failure to follow the rules of the religious diet program may result in my permanent removal from this program.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read and/or discussed with a staff person the contents of this agreement. I further agree that if permitted to participate in the Religious Diet Program **I will abide by the conditions of participation set forth above in this agreement.**

Inmate Signature: _____

Date: _____

Security Staff Signature _____

Date: _____

Food Service Director Signature _____

Date: _____