

Catering

“Can you check the catering?”

Not to be overlooked, catering is an important part of the flight and your fitness for duty, especially on long flights. As part of the preflight duties someone will be tasked with assuring that the aircraft has been catered correctly. Appendix 5-A of the contract spells out the minimum standard of catering. All catering supplies should be stored in a galley compartment—your insulated red bag should be in compartment and not left on the floor.

Minimum standards, specifically the number of items, will vary by duration of flight. Furthermore, when a hot meal is warranted the type of meal(s) will depend on the local time of departure. Below are two tables to help you during your preflight catering checks. When performing these checks In order to comply with the FOM, at least one entrée must be different than the rest. Crewmembers should also consume different entrées in flight; however, if the same meal is desired, they should be consumed at least six hours apart. (FOM Ch. 2, Flight Operations).

Crew Food Minimum Standards			
Description	Block Time		
	0 - 3:59	4:00 - 7:59	8:00 +
Sandwiches (Equivalent Number of Sandwiches per CM)	2*	2	2
Fresh Fruit (Equivalent of Whole Fruit per CM)	2	2	2
Soda-Assorted (12 ounce cans per CM)	2	3	3
Water (Liters per CM)	1	2	3
Hot Meals (Per CM)	0	1	2

** If catering cannot deliver the sandwich tray to JFK without delaying the flight, the Company may provide power bars in lieu of a sandwich tray for flights that are two (2) hours or less.*

Hot Meal Type By Type						
	Departure Time Local					
	0000 - 0600		0601 - 1400		1401 - 2359	
Meal Type	1st Meal	2nd Meal	1st Meal	2nd Meal	1st Meal	2nd Meal
Beakfast	X					X
Lunch		X	X			
Dinner				X	X	

After each flight your Catering Committee requests that you fill out a very short catering audit, this information provides the committee with valuable information about catering at different stations. It can be completed in a minute or two and can be found here: <https://forms.gle/whXK3njEqHMNEinu9>

And finally, as we all deal with the COVID-19 pandemic the company has agreed that all sandwiches be individually wrapped. If your sandwiches are not individually wrapped, politely refuse the sandwiches and ask for new, individually wrapped sandwiches. Please file an FCR on this instance as well. For further questions or comments contact your Catering Committee at catering@iap2750.org.