

# What's New! from AFS

MEAT/POULTRY | SEAFOOD | FROZEN ENTREES | SAUCES | SIDE DISHES | BAKERY PRODUCTS | SNACK FOODS | BEVERAGES

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### AFS can make your microwave meals taste like homemade!

Microwave meals are convenient and affordable – perfect for busy consumers who don't have time to cook. However, microwave meals present their own set of challenges to processors, including dry, rubbery meat, sticky starches and mushy, colorless vegetables. AFS offers a variety of products that will help processors balance the flavor and texture of each component of the meal, making it taste like homemade.

Meats can become dry and mealy when reheated from a frozen state. **Actobind®**, **SeasonRite® Marinades** and **TenderBite** systems can give beef, chicken, pork or seafood a natural tender and juicy texture after microwave reheating. They also help to increase flavor impact and prevent / reduce oxidation during frozen storage.

**Microseal™** systems prevent sticking and dehydration of frozen pasta, rice and noodles and help maintain a fresh cooked texture after microwave reheating. **Microseal™** can also be used on IQF vegetables and diced meats.

**Chef-Ready®** and **SeasonRite®** sauce and glaze bases provide bold flavor to protein, vegetable and starch components of microwave meals. They are available in a multitude of flavor profiles as well as clean label, low fat and reduced sodium versions. In addition to flavor enhancement, **Chef-Ready®** and **SeasonRite®** sauce and glaze bases prevent / reduce freezer burn during frozen storage and improve cling during reheating.

**AFS Cheese Boosters®** and **Flavor Boosters®** are specially designed systems to help enhance flavor in meat, poultry, sauces, fillings, stuffing and

bakery items. Their balanced and high flavor intensity helps to improve flavor impact using fewer, less expensive ingredients, allowing significant cost savings. **AFS Cheese Boosters®** and **Flavor Boosters®** can easily be blended with any of our functional ingredient systems to enhance the flavor and texture of microwave meals. There are several flavor profiles available or one can be customized to meet your needs.

All of Advanced Food Systems' products are dry bases that are easy to store and use. The systems provide customized solutions that enhance the quality of microwave meals and provide cost savings. Make AFS your technical partner for inventive food ingredient solutions!



For additional information on **AFS Products**, please contact Technical Services at (800) 787-3067 or [lab@afsnj.com](mailto:lab@afsnj.com).

**Advanced Food Systems, Inc.:** developers and manufacturers of custom ingredient systems for the perfect balance of flavor and texture!