

December 4, 2009

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Dear, Mr. Smith

As you are aware, the mission of the Conference of Food Protection (CFP/Conference) is to promote food safety through collaboration and partnership among federal, State, and local regulatory agencies, the food industry, academia, and consumer groups.

On April 11-16, 2008, the Conference met in San Antonio, Texas. The three Councils deliberated a total of 114 issues. Of these, the Assembly of State Delegates (a group of representatives from 49 States, the District of Columbia and one territory) accepted 111. One of these accepted issues (2008 I-008) was to request your agency monitor and subsequently post to the FDA website the following information:

- Any new or additional information that will assist regulators and industry in the implementation of the new PHF/TCS definition
- The finalized FAQ from the 2005 TCS survey
- The response document from NACMCF on inoculation studies

CFP is aware that FDA has already published information on its website related to the items mentioned above. These include "Evaluation and Definition of Potentially Hazardous Foods", and "Potentially Hazardous Food: The Evolving Definition of Temperature Control for Safety". Links to these FDA webpages can now be found on the CFP website. In addition, a link to the 2009 report published by NACMCF on inoculation studies has also been placed on the CFP website. CFP applauds your efforts to clarify and standardize the information available to industry and regulators pertaining to the implementation of PHF/TCS requirements. We respectfully request that you continue these efforts, including the possible compiling and publishing of a list of FAQ's based on the 2005 CFP survey related to PHF/TCS and the placement of a link to the NACMCF report on inoculation studies on the FDA website.

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This letter is being sent on behalf of the CFP TCS Implementation committee with the full knowledge and approval of CFP Conference Chair, David Gifford. FDA's support of and cooperation with the Conference through the years has resulted in an improved regulatory process and increased efforts toward food safety. The CFP Executive Board looks forward to continuing this same collaboration and partnership with the FDA in the coming years. With such a liaison, we expect to continue the great progress of the past.

Sincerely,

Adam Johnson
Chair, TCS Implementation Committee