**Conference for Food Protection**

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| **Council Recommendation:** | Accepted as  Submitted |  | Accepted as Amended |  | No Action |  |
| **Delegate Action:** | Accepted |  | Rejected |  |  |  |

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**Title:**

Report - Hand Hygiene Committee

**Issue you would like the Conference to consider:**

At the 2010 Conference for Food Protection Biennial Meeting, the Hand Hygiene Committee was formed and charged "to address:

1. the efficacy/risk reduction strategies of alternative hand hygiene regimes compared to handwashing with respect to foodborne pathogens including viruses,
2. identify settings where alternatives to handwashing are appropriate,
3. recommend studies that should be completed to get research questions answered for when scientific literature is not available, and
4. report back to the 2012 Conference."

The 2010-2012 Hand Hygiene Committee is submitting four issues to the 2012 Conference for Food Protection:

1. Report - Hand Hygiene Committee
2. Disseminate the 2010-2012 Hand Hygiene Committee Report
3. Re-Create - Hand Hygiene Committee
4. Limit Hand Hygiene Committee Size

**Public Health Significance:**

The main purpose of washing hands is to cleanse the hands of soil, pathogens and chemicals that can potentially cause disease.Transmission of pathogenic bacteria, viruses and parasites to food from contaminated surfaces, raw food or ill workers by way of improperly washed hands continues to be a major factor in the spread of foodborne illnesses.

**Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:**

* acknowledgement of the 2010-12 Hand Hygiene Committee report, and
* thanking the 2010-2012 Hand Hygiene Committee for its work addressing scientific, regulatory and behavioral considerations related to efficacy and risk reduction strategies of alternative hand hygiene regimes compared to handwashing.

The future of the Hand Hygiene Committee is submitted as a separate Issue.

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**Attachments:**

* "2010-12 Hand Hygiene Committee Final Report"
* "Scientific Regulatory and Behavioral Considerations of Hand Hygiene Regimes"
* "2010-12 Hand Hygiene Committee Roster"

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