**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 - ROP Committee (ROP 1)

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

At the 2010 Conference for Food Protection, two issues regarding reduced oxygen packaging resulted in the formation of a CFP committee. That committee was charged with:

1.) create a guidance document detailing the scientific evidence of ROP HACCP controls and preventive measures and provide implementation suggestions

2.) recommend clarifications to the Food Code based on charge one

3.) report back to the Conference in 2012

The Reduced Oxygen Packaging (ROP) Committee requests acknowledgement of their final report including attachments, acknowledgement of the committee members for their hard work, and requests disbanding the committee.

**Public Health Significance:**

ROP offers unique advantages and opportunities for the food industry but also raises several microbiological and potential foodborne illness concerns. Products packaged using ROP may be produced safely if proper scientifically validated controls are in effect. Updates and clarifications of Food Code requirements and public health reasons are essential to ensure proper safeguards and to avoid unproductive confusion for inspectors and operators.

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

acknowledgment of the 2010-12 Reduced Oxygen Packaging Committee Report, with thanks to the members of the Committee for completing their task, and disbanding the committee.

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**Attachments:**

* "Committee Roster"
* "Report - ROP Committee -new"
* "Supporting information -new"

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