**Conference for Food Protection**

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**Title:**

Chemicals for Washing Fruits and Vegetables

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

Clarify the language in 2009 FDA Food Code Section 3-302.15 Washing fruits and vegetables, to ensure chemicals used for washing fruits and vegetables follow manufacturer's directions or EPA registered label use instructions.

**Public Health Significance:**

Food Code Section 7-204.12 specifies that chemicals used to wash fruits and vegetables should meet the requirements specified in 21 CFR 173.315, Chemicals used in washing or to assist in the peeling of fruits and vegetables. In addition to identifying chemicals that may be used, 21 CFR 173.315 also states:

"(d) To assure safe use of the additive... The label or labeling of the additive container shall bear adequate use directions to assure use in compliance with all provisions of this section."

Adding language to the Food Code indicating that use directions should be followed would clarify requirements for safe use, and uphold the public health and consumer food standards set by the Code.

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

that a letter be sent to the FDA requesting the 2009 Food Code (as modified by the Supplement issued in 2011) be amended as follows (new language shown with underline):

**3-302.15 Washing Fruits and Vegetables**

(B) Fruits and vegetables may be washed by using chemicals as specified under 7-204.12 and shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's directions or EPA registered label use instructions.

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