**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:**

Cottage Industry/Direct Producer to Consumer Sales

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

Many states are adopting exceptions and special rules for cottage industries and direct producer to consumer sales. These types of sales include both packaged and unpackaged non PHF/TCS foods processed in residences and sold from the residence over the internet, at roadside stands, and at Farmer's Markets. The inconsistencies and in sometimes complete exemption from regulatory oversight are concerning from a safety persepective. We respectfully request that the Conference for Food Protection establish a Cottage Industry Committee to develop a proposal for the 2014 Conference that more completely addresses cottage industries and direct producer to consumer sales.

**Public Health Significance:**

States and local jurisdictions have adopted a variety of exemptions and policies with relationship to cottage industry/direct to consumer sales. The most significant public health issue is that jurisdictions without scientific input have developed a variety of standards, exception, and exemptions. This creates a system where a cottage industry/direct to consumer sales may or may not be regulated and inspected. From a state perspective, we see surrounding states that have exempted places from regulation, but the individuals are seeking to come to events and make sales in our State. For example, acidified foods, cheeses, eggs, and other processed foods are subject in some jurisidictions to these exceptions and exemptions. Furthermore, complete and thorough labeling is a concern to individuals with allergies or sensitivities.

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

creating a Committee to develop a proposal for the 2014 Biennial Meeting that more completely addresses cottage industries and direct producer to consumer sales. We respectfully suggest the Committee undertake the following charges:

* define Cottage Industries and Direct Producer to Consumer Sales
* identify exemptions from the Food Code
* establish labeling requirements
* write advisory statements as appropriate
* recommend Cottage Industry registration requirements
* require the Committee to submit a report at the 2014 Biennial Meeting along with Issues they identify.

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