**Conference for Food Protection**

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**Title:**

Clarify when handwashing is required before donning/changing gloves

**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), ¶ 2-301.14 (H), be amended to clarify the situations when hands shall be washed before donning gloves for working with food as follows (new language shown with underline):

(H) Before initially donning gloves for working with food,~~P~~ and when changing tasks; P

AND the following language be added at the end of Annex 3, - Public Health Reasons / Administrative Guidelines - Chapter 2, Management and Personnel 2-301.14 When to Wash:

"Employees must wash their hands after any activity which may result in contamination of the hands. "When gloves are used to handle food, hands should be washed prior to donning gloves. If there is no change in the task being performed and there are no activities which could potentially result in cross contamination, then hands do not have to be washed between each change of gloves when performing the same task."

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