**Conference for Food Protection**

**2012 Issue Form**

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**Title:**

Redefine "approved mushroom identification expert" in Food Code § 3-201.16

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

that a letter be sent to the FDA requesting that Section 3-201.16 of the 2009 Food Code (as modified by the Supplement issued in 2011) be amended as follows: (new language in underline format, language to be removed in strike-through)

1) remove the term 'approved mushroom identification expert' from Section 3-201.16 (A) and replace it with the term 'approved mushroom identifier' as noted below.

(A) Except as specified in ¶ (B) of this section, mushroom species picked in the wild shall be obtained from sources where each mushroom is individually inspected and found to be safe by an APPROVED mushroom identifier ~~identification expert~~. P

2) include the definition noted below regarding an approved mushroom identifier.

**Approved Mushroom Identifier:** One who has successfully completed a required course on identification of selected species of harvested mushrooms, the appropriate harvest, storage and preparation of those species; and who has demonstrated competence by passing an exam acceptable to the regulatory authority.

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