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**Title:**

Resources and Criteria to Select Wild Mushroom Species

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

that a letter be sent to FDA requesting that Annex 3 Section 3-201.16 of the 2009 Food Code (as modified by the Supplement issued in 2011) be amended to include the information noted below regarding recommended resources and criteria to select wild mushroom species. (new language in underline format).

**Recommended Committee Resources**

A regulatory authority may choose to form a committee to determine which fresh, wild harvested mushroom species are appropriate for commercial harvest in their state. Representatives from the following groups may be considered for membership:

* Regulatory agencies from departments that oversee restaurants, markets and farmers' market;
* Local Poison Centers;
* Local mycological organizations;
* Restaurant Associations;
* College or university personnel who are competent identifiers of wild mushrooms;
* Commercial wild mushroom foragers;
* Wild Mushroom Brokers;
* Chefs who serve fresh wild harvested mushrooms

**Criteria to Select Wild Mushroom Species**

Individual regulatory authorities may use the following criteria to establish a list of wild mushroom species for harvest and sale to the public. Wild mushrooms on the approved list for an **approved mushroom identifier** may be sold to or by a food establishment. Wild Mushroom Species that are:

* currently in commerce according to foragers, chefs and dealers in the jurisdiction;
* easily identified with field characteristics as determined by the jurisdiction;
* common, in a specific jurisdiction as determined by the committee;
* generally considered a low allergic reaction risk as determined by the committee;
* consideration may be given for wild mushrooms approved for sale in other states (to be imported from those states), if accompanied by appropriate records.

The Conference also recommends that the above language be incorporated into a single **Wild Harvested Mushroom Guidance Document** and posted on the CFP website so that state and local jurisdictions can use this information to develop and implement their own wild harvested mushroom program.

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