**Conference for Food Protection**

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**Title:**

Wild Harvested Mushroom Curriculum

**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 Curriculum for the Approved Mushroom Identifier (new language in underline format).

**Curriculum for the Approved Mushroom Identifier** this is to be developed and administered by the committee established by the regulatory authority. The curriculum should include general information about the following:

* Mushroom anatomy as it relates to identification;
* Mushroom toxins and case histories of poisonings;
* Specific information regarding habitat, including information on areas that are considered inappropriate for harvest (treated areas, brownfields, etc.);
* Proper collection, including information on proper harvesting and species conservation techniques; and
* Information on areas where harvesting is not permitted, or permitted only with permission.

The curriculum should also include specific information about the approved species including:

* Latin binomial and approved common name;
* Specific characteristics required for proper identification, including differentiating characteristics of similar toxic and non-toxic species;
* Characteristics for determining that (if) the mushroom is in good condition;
* Information about proper storage;
* Information about proper preparation; and
* Information about regulations that the harvester must comply with.

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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