**Conference for Food Protection**

**2012 Issue Form**

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**Title:**

Allowance for a Direct Drain Connection in Warewashing Equipment

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

that a letter be sent to the FDA requesting an amendment to Section 5-402.11 of the 2009 Food Code (as modified by the Supplement issued in 2011) as specified below (deleted language is in strikethru format).

**5-402.11 Backflow Prevention.**

(A) Except as specified in ¶¶ (B)~~,~~ and (C)~~, and (D)~~ of this section, a direct connection may not exist between the sewage system and a drain originating from equipment in which food~~, portable equipment, or utensils are~~ is placed. P

(B) Paragraph (A) of this section does not apply to floor drains that originate in refrigerated spaces that are constructed as an integral part of the building.

~~(C) If allowed by law, a warewashing machine may have a direct connection between its waste outlet and a floor drain when the machine is located within 1.5 m (5 feet) of a trapped floor drain and the machine outlet is connected to the inlet side of a properly vented floor drain trap.~~

(~~D~~C) If allowed by law, a ~~warewashing or~~ culinary sink may have a direct connection.

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