**Conference for Food Protection**

**2012 Issue Form**

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**Title:**

The 2009 FDA Food Code Introduced New Confusing Terms

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

the re-creation of the Critical Item Committee. The re-established Committee will be charged with:

1. Using the food safety terminology below in lieu of the terms listed above, or
2. Recommending easily understood (common usage) replacement terms that must be tested using surveys of both regulators and regulated industry,
3. Report back to the 2014 Biennial Meeting on Committee Activities and submit Issues that recommend revsion to the body of the code to align with the the revised language, and strike the existing terminology from the code (Core, Priority, etc.).

**Submitter offers the Proposed Revised language for the Committee's Consideration:**

**Good Retail Practices**

1. **"Good Retail Practices"** means a provision in this Code that is not designated as a Risk Factor or intervention ITEM.
2. **"Good Retail Practices "** includes an item that usually relates to general sanitation, operational controls, sanitation standard operating procedures (SSOPs), facilities or structures, equipment design, or general maintenance.

**Risk Factors and Intervention Items**

1. **"Risk Factor Item"** means a provision in this Code whose application supports, facilitates or enables one or more RISK FACTOR items.
2. **"Intervention Item "** includes an item that requires the purposeful incorporation of specific actions, equipment or procedures by industry management to attain control of risk factors that contribute to foodborne illness or injury such as personnel training, infrastructure or necessary equipment, HACCP plans, documentation or record keeping, and labeling; and
3. **"Risk Factor Item"** is an item that is denoted in this Code with a superscript Rf - Rf.
4. **"Intervention Item"** is an item that is denoted in this Code with a superscript I - I.

It is the policy of the Conference for Food Protection to not accept Issues that would endorse a brand name or a commercial proprietary process.