**Conference for Food Protection**

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**Title:**

Establish a Standard for Handwashing Effectiveness

**Issue you would like the Conference to consider:**

Codifying a standard for a minimum pathogen removal would help operators make their handwash regimen choices based on science. It also helps researchers and local authorities search for innovative alternative products and protocols.

The minimum Food Code handwash standard, in Section 3-301.11, would then have a science-based expression of its outcome, hands clean enough to safely serve the public.

This standard would also help professionalize staff training on the "How To Wash" topic by focusing on the outcome.

**Public Health Significance:**

Better-washed hands reduce the risk of foodborne outbreaks.

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

that a letter be sent to the FDA recommending moving content from the 2013 Food Code Annex, Section 3-301.11, into an appropriate location within the main body of the Code to state: "Handwashing as specified in the Food Code will reduce microbial contamination of the hands by 2-3 logs."

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