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| **Delegate Action:** | Accepted |  | Rejected |  |  |  |

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**Title:**

Equipment and Utensil Sanitizer, Availability

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

There is not a requirement in the FDA 2013 Food Code that equipment and utensil sanitizer be available.

**Public Health Significance:**

Contaminated food equipment and utensils is one of the five risk factors for foodborne illness. According to statistics compiled by the Centers for Disease Control from the five year period, 1988-1992, contaminated food equipment was implicated in 16% of foodborne illness outbreaks in the United States. In spite of this, there is not a requirement in the FDA Food Code that the permit holder have equipment and utensil sanitizer available.

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

that a letter be sent to the FDA recommending that the 2013 Food Code be amended as follows (new language in underline format):

1) Add a new Subpart4-303 Cleaning Agents and Sanitizers

2) Add Section 4-303.12 Equipment and Utensil Sanitizer, Availability

Each 3-compartment manual warewashing sink, approved alternative manual warewashing equipment and warewashing machine shall be provided with a supply of equipment and utensil sanitizer. Pf

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