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Title:
FPMCC 4- ISO/IEC 17024-2012 as an Option to CFP Standards

Issue you would like the Conference to consider:
Explore the option of accepting the process and requirements of ISO/IEC 17024 Standard for Personnel Certification Programs as an additional option to the existing Conference of Food Protection Standards for Accreditation of Food Protection Manager Certification Programs (hereafter known as the CFP Standards).
The United States government (including the Department of Defense, Food and Drug Administration, and Department of Energy) has identified the international standard known as ISO/IEC 17024 for personnel certification, and selected the standard for providing evidence that a personnel certification program is valid, reliable and legally defensible. ISO/IEC 17024 is maintained by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) on a regular basis and has world-wide acceptance.
There are many useful and valid components in both "The CFP Standards for the Accreditation of Food Protection Manager Certification Programs", and "The ISO/IEC for Personnel Certification" and there is some equivalency in various sections of both standards. However, there are food safety components of the CFP Standards that are not included in the ISO standard. ISO/IEC 17024 is generic to personnel certification, while the CFP Standards are specific to food safety and are more prescriptive. CFP Standards require a job task analysis based on knowledge, skills and abilities related to food safety.

Public Health Significance:
The safety of food in the United States is dependent upon food managers who understand and implement basic food safety concepts. CFP has established a standard and an accreditation process against that standard to ensure that food manager certification programs attesting to the knowledge and skills of food managers are valid, reliable and legally defensible. When the CFP Standards were developed, no equivalent standard was available for use by the Conference. Since that time, ISO has developed a standard for personnel certification (ISO/IEC 17024 Standard for Personnel Certification Programs).

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:
FPMCC determine the process and requirements for potential acceptance of ISO/IEC 17024-2012 for food protection manager certification as an additional option to and without

impact on the existing CFP Standards for Accreditation of Food Protection Manger Certification Programs and report back its findings at the 2016 Biennial Meeting.

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