**Conference for Food Protection**

**2014 Issue Form**

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**Title:**

Chemicals for Treating Fruits and Vegetables

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

that a letter be sent to the FDA requesting Section 7-204.12 of the 2013 FDA Food Code be amended as follows (new language is in underline format):

1) Amend Paragraph (A).

(A) Chemicals, including those generated onsite, used to wash, peel or treat raw, whole or processed fruits and vegetables shall:

(1) Be an approved food additive listed for this intended use in 21 CFR 173, P or

(2) Be generally recognized as safe (GRAS) for this intended use, P or

(3) Be the subject of an effective food contact notification

for this intended use (only effective for the manufacturer

or supplier identified in the notification), P and

(4) Meet the EPA requirements in 40 CFR 156 Labeling

Requirements for Pesticide and Devices. P

(B) No changes.

2) Amend to Add New Paragraphs (C), (D), and (E).

(C) Chemicals used as antimicrobials for treating processed fruits and vegetables shall only have FDA clearance (no EPA registration needed) as specified in 7-204.12 (A).

(D) Chemicals used as antimicrobials for treating fruits and vegetables that are raw agricultural commodities (RACs) shall have EPA registration only (no FDA clearance needed) if the:

(1) Treatment of a RAC occurs when either applied in the field, at a facility that is not a food processing facility, or applied during transportation between the field and a food processing facility.

(E) Chemicals used as antimicrobials for treating fruits and vegetables that are raw agricultural commodities (RACs) shall have an EPA registration and an FDA clearance if the:

(1) Treatment of a raw agricultural commodity occurs in a food processing facility

(2) Treatment of the process water contacts the RAC or processed fruit and vegetable.

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