**Conference for Food Protection**

**2016 Issue Form**

**Issue: 2016 III-003**

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| **Council Recommendation:** | Accepted as  Submitted |  | Accepted as Amended |  | No Action |  |
| **Delegate Action:** | Accepted |  | Rejected |  |  |  |

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**Issue History:**

This is a brand new Issue.

**Title:**

Report - Hand Hygiene Committee (HHC)

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

The 2014-2016 Hand Hygiene Committee was charged to work in collaboration with FDA, CDC, and FSIS to:

a. Ascertain if additional definitions are necessary to clarify the hand hygiene procedures listed in the Food Code.

b. Use current research including the documents created by the Committee's 2012- 2014 work (Hand Contamination Event Hazard Chart; Questions to Consider when Evaluating Studies of Alternative Handwashing Approaches; and Scientific, Regulatory and Behavioral Consideration of Hand Hygiene Regimes) to determine if alternatives to hand hygiene procedures equivalent to those described in the Food Code are available.

c. Identify situations where procedures exist to prevent hand soil and contamination.

d. Review available research on the efficacy and public health significance of antibacterial soaps, and their impact on hand hygiene procedures in the food industry.

And report back the Committee's findings, outcomes, and recommendations to the 2016 Biennial Meeting of the Conference for Food Protection.

**Public Health Significance:**

Proper handwashing, is a vital and necessary public health practice in retail and food service. Transmission of pathogenic bacteria, viruses, and parasites from raw food or from ill workers to food by way of improperly washed hands continues to be one of several major factors in the spread of foodborne illnesses.

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

1. Acknowledgement of the 2014-2016 Hand Hygiene Committee report.
2. Thanking the committee for the effort of the members put forth in working on the charges.
3. Disbanding the Hand Hygiene Committee.

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**Content Documents:**

* "2014-2016 Hand Hygiene Committee Final Report"
* "2014-2016 Hand Hygiene Committee Roster"
* "2014-2016 Comparison of Selected Hand Hygiene Efficacy Test Methods"

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