**Conference for Food Protection**

**2016 Issue Form**

**Issue: 2016 III-006**

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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:**

HHC 4 - Recommendations to FDA

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

A letter be sent to the FDA:

1. Encouraging the development of handwashing performance standards that will allow evaluation of equivalent alternate procedures for soil removal from hands of food handlers.
2. Encouraging CFSAN (Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition) to work in conjunction with CDER (Center for Drug Evaluation and Research) to define antiseptic criteria for food handler use.

**Public Health Significance:**

Handwashing is a critical factor in reducing fecal-oral pathogens that can be transmitted from hands to RTE food as well as other pathogens that can be transmitted from environmental sources.

In order to evaluate any alternate procedures that may be equivalent to the handwashing procedures that are prescribed in the Food Code, establishing performance standards by which to compare are necessary. Additionally, antiseptic criteria for food handler use is necessary.

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

that a letter be sent to the FDA:

1. Encouraging the development of performance standards that will allow evaluation of equivalent alternate procedures for soil removal from hands of food handlers.
2. Encouraging CFSAN (Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition) to work in conjunction with CDER (Center for Drug Evaluation and Research) to define antiseptic criteria for food handler use.

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