**Conference for Food Protection**

**2016 Issue Form**

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

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**Issue History:**

This is a brand new Issue.

**Title:**

Plant Food Cooking Time Frame

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

Addition of a time frame for cooking plant food that will be placed into hot holding

**Public Health Significance:**

Plant foods which have been subjected to heating become Time Temperature Control for Safety (TCS) since the naturally present competing mircoflora has been changed. Therefore leaving the TCS plant foods within the temperature danger zone for longer than 4 hours, could result in logarithmic growth of pathogenic bacteria, as shown by modeling.

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

a letter be sent to the FDA requesting the 2013 Food Code be amended as follows (language to be added is underlined; language to be deleted is in strikethrough format):

**3-401.13 Plant Food Cooking for Hot Holding**

Fruits and vegetable that are cooked for hot holding shall be cooked to a temperature of 57oC (135oF)~~.~~, within 4 hours.

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