**Conference for Food Protection**

**2016 Issue Form**

**Issue: 2016 III-020**

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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 for Hot Holding

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

Clarify that plant food includes more than just fruits and vegetables. FDA retail specialists have provided guidance indicating items such as roots, rice and pasta should be considered plant foods.

**Public Health Significance:**

Roots and grains are Time/Temperature Control for Safety foods (TCS) once heat treated and are often hot held after cooking. A specified minimum cooking temperature is needed to prevent the growth of pathogens and ensure hot holding begins at the proper temperature.

**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):

Section 3-401.13

Plant foods, such as ~~F~~fruits, ~~and~~ vegetables, roots and grains, that are cooked for hot holding shall be cooked to a temperature of 57oC (135oF). Pf

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