**Conference for Food Protection**

**2016 Issue Form**

**Issue: 2016 III-025**

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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:**

Separating Raw Animal Food from Unwashed Fruits and Vegetables

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

Specify that raw animal food must be separated from unwashed fruits and vegetables. Unwashed fruits and vegetables are not considered ready-to-eat. Therefore the separation required between raw animal food and ready-to-eat food does not apply.

**Public Health Significance:**

Raw animal foods contain naturally occurring bacteria that are eliminated by cooking. Many fruits and vegetables are only washed, not cooked. Washing fruits and vegetables that have been cross contaminated by raw animal foods is not an effective control measure.

**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 3-302.11(A)(1)**

(A) FOOD shall be protected from cross contamination by:

(1) Except as specified in (1)~~(c)~~ (d) below, separating raw animal FOODS during storage, preparation, holding, and display from:

(a) Raw READY-TO-EAT FOOD including other raw animal FOOD such as FISH for sushi or MOLLUSCAN SHELLFISH, or other raw READY-TO-EAT FOOD such as fruits and vegetables, P and

(b) Cooked READY-TO-EAT FOOD; P

(c) Fruits and vegetables before they are washed as specified under § 3-302.15.

~~(c)~~ (d) Frozen, commercially processed and packaged raw animal FOOD may be stored or displayed with or above frozen, commercially processed and packaged, ready-to-eat food.

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