**Conference for Food Protection**

**2016 Issue Form**

**Issue: 2016 II-007**

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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:**

PSC 2 - Recommendations from Issue 2014 II-003

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

The Program Standards Committee has completed the charges outlined in Issue 2014 II-003 related to Retail Program Standards 2, 4 and 7. The Committee has proposed recommendations to be sent to the FDA.

**Public Health Significance:**

The Retail Program Standards offer a systematic approach to, through a continuous improvement process, enhance retail food regulatory programs. They define and provide a framework designed to accommodate both traditional and emerging approaches of a regulatory food safety system. To address Issue 2014 II-003 (Charge 2: To solicit the support of industry to examine methods to support regulatory efforts to achieve Standard 2, Standard 4, and Standard 7 of the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards), a subcommittee interviewed regulatory agencies enrolled in the Retail Program Standards, mostly those who had achieved Standards 2, 4, and 7 and who conduct direct inspections, to examine and provide methods to support regulatory efforts to achieve Standard 2, Standard 4, and Standard 7.

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

that a letter be sent to the FDA requesting that they:

1. Develop a Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (Retail Program Standards) guide or template to help regulatory agencies to enroll in the Retail Program Standards, realize what they are getting involved in prior to enrollment, provide recommendations about where an enrollee should begin, and provide a roadmap to allow management to plan for proper staffing and resources to actually complete and sustain the activities associated with the Retail Program Standards;
2. Reward achievement of the Retail Program Standards by giving extra credit during the application review and scoring process for FDA grants;
3. Establish additional formal networks to complement the existing NACCHO Program Standards Mentorship Program (e.g., workgroups in each state or by FDA region with routinely scheduled webinars, conference calls, etc.) to assist regulatory agencies in their efforts with the Retail Program Standards;
4. Seek the expansion of existing forums (e.g., NACCHO sharing sessions, NEHA AEC Retail Program Standards Workshop, and cooperative agreements with NACCHO and AFDO, etc.) for enrollees to share their success stories with the Retail Program Standards;
5. Engage in a promotion of the FoodSHIELD Program Standards Resource Center when it goes live; and
6. Provide a means to ensure that each of the FDA Regional Retail Food Specialists has a minimum level of knowledge regarding implementation of the Retail Program Standards.

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