**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:**

Harmonizing Direct Drain Connection Allowances with Plumbing Codes

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

Paragraph 5-402.11(C) of the 2013 FDA Food Code allows a direct drain connection from warewashing machines if certain conditions exist. Various plumbing codes require direct drain connections for warewashing machines and warewashing sinks. However, in the absence of a plumbing code, food establishments are subjected to unnecessary requirements.

The 5-402.11(C) allowance should be extended to warewashing sinks that are not used for food preparation if the installation conditions specified in 5-402.11(C) are met.

**Public Health Significance:**

Eliminating Food Code requirements that conflict with other regulatory requirements, when the level of public health protection is not compromised, reduces difficulties faced by food code regulatory agencies.

**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):

**Paragraph 5-402.11(C)**

(C) If allowed by LAW, a WAREWASHING machine or WAREWASHING sink may have a direct connection between its waste outlet and a floor drain when the machine or sink is located within 1.5 m (5 feet) of a trapped floor drain and the machine or sink outlet is connected to the inlet side of a properly vented floor drain trap.

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