**Conference for Food Protection**

**2016 Issue Form**

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

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**Title:**

Reheating Commercially Processed TCS Foods in a Microwave for Hot Holding

**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 3-403.11**

(A) Except as specified under ¶¶ (B) and (C) and in ¶ ~~(E)~~ (F) of this section, TIME/TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR SAFETY FOOD that is cooked, cooled, and reheated for hot holding shall be reheated so that all parts of the FOOD reach a temperature of at least 74oC (165oF) for 15 seconds. P

(B) Except as specified under ¶ (C) of this section, TIME/TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR SAFETY FOOD reheated in a microwave oven for hot holding shall be reheated so that all parts of the FOOD reach a temperature of at least 74oC (165oF) ~~and the FOOD is rotated or stirred, covered, and allowed to stand covered for 2 minutes after reheating~~. P

(C) READY-TO-EAT TIME/TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR SAFETY FOOD that has been commercially processed and PACKAGED in a FOOD PROCESSING PLANT that is inspected by the REGULATORY AUTHORITY that has jurisdiction over the plant, shall be heated to a temperature of at least 57oC (135oF) when being reheated for hot holding. P

(D) TIME/TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR SAFETY FOOD reheated in a microwave oven for hot holding shall be rotated or stirred, covered, and allowed to stand covered for 2 minutes after reheating. P

~~(D)~~ (E) Reheating for hot holding as specified under ¶¶ (A) -(C) of this section shall be done rapidly and the time the FOOD is between 5ºC (41ºF) and the temperatures specified under ¶¶ (A) -(C) of this section may not exceed 2 hours. P

~~(E)~~ (F) Remaining unsliced portions of MEAT roasts that are cooked as specified under ¶ 3-401.11(B) may be reheated for hot holding using the oven parameters and minimum time and temperature conditions specified under ¶ 3-401.11(B).

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