**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:**

Chemicals Used for Washing and Treating Fruits and Vegetables

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

that a letter be sent to FDA requesting the 2013 Food Code Section 7-204.12 Chemicals for Washing, Treatment, Storage and Processing Fruits and Vegetables, Criteria be modifiedas follows (language to be added is underlined; language to be deleted is in strikethrough format):

(A) Chemicals, including those generated on-site, used to wash or peel raw whole fruits and vegetables shall:

(1) Be an approved food additive listed for this intended use in 21 CFR 173, or

(2) Be generally recognized as safe (GRAS) for this intended use, or

(3) Be the subject of an effective food contact notification for this intended use (only effective for the manufacturer or supplier identified in the notification), and

(4) Meet the requirements in 40 CFR 16 Labeling Requirement for Pesticide and Devices.

(B) Chemicals ~~Ozone~~, including those generated on-site, used as an antimicrobial agent ~~used~~ in the treatment, storage, and processing of fruits and vegetables in a food establishment shall: ~~meet the requirements of 21 CFR 173.368 Ozone:~~

1. Meet the requirements in 7-204.11 and 7-204.12 (A), and,
2. Be appropriately cleared/registered by FDA or/and EPA and be used in accordance with the EPA - registered label use instructions, or manufacturer's instructions.

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