**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:**

Thawing 3-501.13

**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):

3-501.13 Thawing.

Except as specified in ¶ (D) of this section, potentially hazardous food (time/temperature control for safety food) shall be thawed:

(A) Under refrigeration that maintains the food temperature at 5oC (41oF) or less Pf ; or

(B) Completely submerged under running water:

(1) At a water temperature of 21oC (70oF) or below Pf,

(2) With sufficient water velocity to agitate and float off loose particles in an overflowPf, and

(3) For a period of time that does not allow thawed portions of ready-to-eat food to rise above 5oC (41oF)Pf, or

(4) For a period of time that does not allow thawed portions of a raw animal food requiring cooking as specified under ¶ 3-401.11(A) or (B) to be above 5oC (41oF), for more than 4 hours including:

(a) The time the food is exposed to the running water and the time needed for preparation for cookingPf, or

(b) The time it takes under refrigeration to lower the food temperature to 5oC (41oF)Pf;

(C) As part of a cooking process if the food that is frozen is:(1) Cooked as specified under ¶ 3-401.11(A) or (B) or § 3-401.12Pf, or

(2) Thawed in a microwave oven and immediately transferred to conventional cooking equipment, with no interruption in the processPf; or

(D) Using any procedure if a portion of frozen ready-to-eat food is thawed and prepared for immediate service in response to an individual consumer's order.

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