**Conference for Food Protection**

**2018 Issue Form**

**Issue: 2018 III-014**

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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:**

Amend Food Code - U.S. No. 1 Potatoes

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

Amend section 3-302.15 Washing Fruits and Vegetables to include that "U.S. No. 1 potatoes" are considered washed.

**Public Health Significance:**

It is a common practice to use U.S. No. 1 potatoes, without further washing, for fresh cut French fries. The FDA Food Specialists have verbally stated that U.S. No. 1 potatoes reasonably can be considered washed per § 3-302.15.

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

That a letter be sent to the FDA requesting Section 3-302.15 of the most current edition of the FDA Food Code be amended as follows (new language underlined):

(A) Except as specified in ¶ (B) of this section and except for whole, raw fruits and vegetables that are intended for washing by the CONSUMER before consumption, raw fruits and vegetables shall be thoroughly washed in water to remove soil and other contaminants before being cut, combined with other ingredients, cooked, served, or offered for human consumption in READY-TO-EAT form.

(B) Fruits and vegetables may be washed by using chemicals as specified under § 7-204.12.

(C) Devices used for on-site generation of chemicals meeting the requirements specified in 21 CFR 173.315, Chemicals used in the washing or to assist in the peeling of fruits and vegetables, for the washing of raw, whole fruits and vegetables shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Pf

(D) U.S. No. 1 potatoes, graded under the United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, intended to be heat treated, are exempt from (A) of this section.

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