**Conference for Food Protection**

**2018 Issue Form**

**Issue: 2018 I-032**

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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 - Use Limitation of Untreated Wood for Cooking Surface

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

Add allowance in Food Code section 4-101.17 Wood, Use Limitation to include untreated wood planks for grilling and baking.

**Public Health Significance:**

This is common historic practice with minimal evidence of public health issues. There is no consistent allowance for it, since the use limitations listed in the food code do not include it.

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

that a letter be sent to the FDA requesting that the most current edition of the Food Code be amended to include a new subparagraph as follows (new language underlined):

Section 4-101.17 Wood, Use Limitations...

(3) Untreated wood planks, such as cedar, may be used as a cooking and serving food contact surface.

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