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Conference for Food Protection  
30 Elliott Court  
Martinsville, IN 46151

To Whom It May Concern:

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is pleased to provide information on the American National Standards process, in relation to the 2018 CFP issue titled: *Amend Food Code to specify the standards for food equipment certification.*

While Section 4-205.10 of the Model Food Code identifies the need for food service equipment to be certified by an ANSI-accredited organization, it does not address the standards to which the equipment should conform. Specifically, the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) of 1996 directs government agencies to “use technical standards”, such as American National Standards, “developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies if compliance would not be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impracticable.”

ANSI facilitates the development of American National Standards by accrediting the procedures of standards developing organizations (SDOs). These groups work cooperatively to develop voluntary national consensus standards. Accreditation by ANSI signifies that the procedures used by the standards body in connection with the development of American National Standards meet the Institute’s essential requirements for openness, balance, consensus and due process. These requirements are consistent with the principles outlined in the NTTAA.

ANSI does not comment on the technical content of specific American National Standards, but can attest to the integrity of the process by which the standards were developed. Finally, identifying American National Standards as appropriate for use in an ANSI-accredited certification program does not preclude the acceptance of other standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Saunders". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Saunders  
Vice President for Government Relations and Public Policy