**Conference for Food Protection**

**2020 Issue Form**

**Issue: 2020 III-011**

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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:**

PAC 2–Approval of guidance, “Using NACMCF Parameters for Retail Food…”

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

Acceptance of the Product Assessment Committee's guidance document entitled "Using NACMCF Parameters for Food Service" and inclusion of the guidance document CFP website in PDF format

**Public Health Significance:**

In order to meet the charges given to the Product Assessment Committee, a guidance document was developed to help provide clarification on the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) Challenge Study Protocols as it relates to retail food service establishments. Using the NACMCF protocol can be difficult for both operators and regulators to understand. This leads to challenges for regulatory authorities, to provide approval for challenge studies, and retail food establishments, to know how to move forward with completing a challenge study. Providing guidance for retail food establishment challenge studies will increase compliance with FDA Food Code and help to ease the burden for operators and regulators.

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

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1. Acceptance of the committee generated guidance document entitled **"Using NACMCF Parameters for Challenge Study Protocols for Retail Food Operators and Regulators"** (attached as a content document to Issue titled: Report - Product Assessment Committee); and
2. Authorizing the Conference to make any necessary edits prior to posting the document on the CFP web site to assure consistency of format and non-technical content; edits will not affect the technical content of the document; and
3. Posting the final document on the CFP website in PDF format

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