**Conference for Food Protection**

**2020 Issue Form**

**Issue: 2020 III-022**

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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 2017 Food Code to improve the sanitary transport of wet wiping cloths

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

**The 2017 Food Code addresses only two states for wet wiping cloths.**

**1) Held in sanitary solution.**

**2) in use.**

**The Food Code does not account for a "third" state of sanitary towel use that is a reality in restaurants and bars.**

**3) The sanitary transportation of the cloth between 1 & 2 above.**

**Public Health Significance:**

**The ability to sanitize and use a vessel to carry wet wiping cloths would significantly reduce wet wiping cloths' exposure to and spreading of harmful microorganisms to tables, counters, utensils, equipment surfaces, and thus the public.**

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

**That section 3-304.14 (B)(2)(3) of the 2017 Food Code be amended to read;**

**3-304.14 Wiping Cloths, Use Limitation.**

(A) Cloths in-use for wiping FOOD spills from TABLEWARE and carry­ out containers that occur as FOOD is being served shall be:

(1) Maintained dry; and

(2) Used for no other purpose.

(B) Cloths in-use for wiping counters and other EQUIPMENT surfaces shall be:

(1) Held between uses in a chemical sanitizer solution at a concentration specified under § 4-501.114; and

(2) Transported in a manner that prevents cross contamination of tables, counters, utensils, and equipment surfaces and

~~(2)~~ (3) Laundered daily as specified under ¶ 4-802.11(D).

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**Supporting Attachments:**

* "OBSERVATIONS TO SUPPORT BIENNIAL MEETING ISSUE SUBMITTAL"
* "Yepiz-Gomez and Gerba Study Abstract"
* "Yepiz-Gomez and Gerba Study Excerpts with Data"

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