**Conference for Food Protection**

**2020 Issue Form**

**Issue: 2020 III-030**

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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:**

Cleaning of Food Contact Surfaces- Time as a Public Health Control

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

4-602.11 Equipment Food-Contact Surfaces and Utensils; Frequency does not take into consideration the cleaning of food contact surfaces that use time as a public health control for 6 hours under 3-501.19 (C) Time-Maximum up to 6 hours. Code language is not clear if foods are required to be removed from contact surfaces within the 4 hours as stated in 4-602.11.

**Public Health Significance:**

The code allows for TCS foods to be safely used with an approved Time as a Public Health Control plan under 3-501.19 (C) if foods begin at 41 F and do not exceed 70 F in the six hours. Therefore, the cleaning frequency should match the allowed time of six hours.

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

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That a letter be sent to the FDA requesting that 4-602.11 (D) (8) of the most current edition of the Food Code be added as follows:

4-602.11 (D) (8) In-use utensils being used for foods under an approved plan as specified in 3-501.19 (C) shall be cleaned every 6 hours.

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