

**Conference for Food Protection  
2020 Issue Form**

**Issue: 2020 III-013**

<b>Council Recommendation:</b>	Accepted as Submitted _____	Accepted as Amended _____	No Action _____
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**Issue History:**

This is a brand new Issue.

**Title:**

PAC 4– Approve Challenge Testing Worksheet

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

Acceptance of the "*Challenge Testing Worksheet to Determine Microbiological Stability of Formulation*" and; inclusion of the worksheet in editable Word and PDF format.

**Public Health Significance:**

Using the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (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 tools for retail food establishment challenge studies will increase compliance with FDA Food Code and help to ease the burden for operators and regulators. This worksheet was created by the committee to help provide clarification on the NACMCF Challenge Study Protocols as it relates to retail food service establishments.

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

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1. Approval of the ***Challenge Testing Worksheet to Determine Microbiological Stability of Formulation*** (attached as a content document to Issue titled: Report - Product Assessment Committee).
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.
3. Posting the final document on the CFP website in PDF and editable Word format

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