

**Conference for Food Protection
2020 Issue Form**

Issue: 2020 III-022

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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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