

**Conference for Food Protection
2020 Issue Form**

Issue: 2020 III-030

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended _____ No Action _____

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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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