

**Conference for Food Protection
2020 Issue Form**

Issue: 2020 II-012

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:

AC #2 - Post Food Allergy Notifications Guidance Document on CFP Website

Issue you would like the Conference to consider:

Post the major food allergens notifications guidance document for industry on the CFP website

Public Health Significance:

Food allergies are a significant and emerging public health concern and impact approximately 15 million Americans, including 5.9 million children under the age of 18. Each year, millions of Americans have allergic reactions to food. Although most food allergies cause relatively mild symptoms some food allergies can cause severe reactions that are life-threatening. There is no cure for food allergies. Strict avoidance of food allergens and early recognition and management of allergic reactions to food are important measures to prevent serious health consequences.

Regulatory requirements for labeling major food allergens on packaged foods are very thorough. However, there is a gap in regulatory requirements for notification of major food allergens in food service establishments. Foods that are available for immediate consumption and not pre-packaged do not provide the same level of disclosure of packaged foods. Food allergic consumers often ask on site staff to share information about ingredients and allergens. They must rely on questions to staff who may not have an answer; or worse, give inaccurate information. Staff error has yielded catastrophic results, including fatalities. To protect consumers that have food allergies food employees must have knowledge of the major food allergens, symptoms they could cause, and methods to prevent problems with food allergens.

Please refer to Content Document:

Food Allergy Notifications: A Guidance for Industry

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

1. Acceptance of the committee generated guidance document entitled "Food Allergy Notifications: A Guidance for Industry" (attached as content document 3 to Issue titled: Allergen Committee Report); and
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; and
3. Posting the final document on the CFP website in PDF format

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