

**Conference for Food Protection  
2020 Issue Form**

**Issue: 2020 I-012**

**Council Recommendation:** Accepted as Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted as Amended \_\_\_\_\_ No Action \_\_\_\_\_

**Delegate Action:** Accepted \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

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**Issue History:**

This issue was submitted for consideration at a previous biennial meeting, see issue: 2018-I-032; new or additional information has been included or attached and the recommended solution has been revised.

**Title:**

Use Limitation of Untreated Wood for Cooking Surface

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

Revision of 4-101.17 Wood, Use limitations... to include single use cedar planks.

**Public Health Significance:**

None. To date, there is no record of a foodborne illness linked to the use of cedar planks. In addition, the FDA has recognized Cedar (*T. occidentalis*) as GRAS under 21 CFR part 172. (1)

Approved for use in manufacturing under the previous mentioned CFR, approved for use in Seafood HACCP in manufacturing, and CDC has granted variances to cruise ships for use on the ship as a cooking and serving utensil. (2)

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

Section 4-101.17 Wood, Use Limitations...

(A) Except as specified in paragraphs (B), (C), ~~and~~ (D), and (E) of this section, wood and wood wicker may not be used as a FOOD-CONTACT SURFACE.

(E) Untreated cedar wood planks that are intended to be a food contact surface may be used as a single-use cooking utensil and may subsequently be used as the serving food contact surface. if used as cooking utensil may then be used to serve on.

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**Supporting Attachments:**

- "21 CFR"
- "CDC Variances"

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