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David Lawrence, Chair  
Conference for Food Protection  
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Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Thank you for your letter of May 21, 2018, transmitting the recommendations made by the Conference for Food Protection (CFP) at its 2018 Biennial Meeting in Richmond, Virginia. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) values the opportunity to fully participate in the CFP Biennial Meetings and to provide input to the Executive Board and the numerous CFP Committees.

The 2018 Biennial Meeting was productive, with a total of 93 Issues deliberated. FDA appreciates the efforts of all participants in the 2018 Meeting to develop recommendations intended to further food safety and foster cooperation among Federal, State, local, territorial, and tribal agencies and our partners in industry, academia, and consumer groups.

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between FDA and the CFP, I am pleased to respond with FDA's current positions on the 2018 recommendations for changes to the FDA Food Code or requests for other action by FDA.

**Part 1 – 2018 Conference Recommendations for Changes to the FDA Food Code**

Your letter identified 25 recommendations by the Assembly of Delegates to change the FDA Food Code or the Annexes. As explained more fully below, FDA **conceptually agrees** with 14 recommendations and **partially concurs** with two recommendations. For nine recommendations, FDA either **non-concurs** or **will consider** the recommendation before deciding whether a Food Code modification is warranted.

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