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Mr. Patrick Guzzle, Chair
Conference for Food Protection
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Dear Mr. Guzzle:

Thank you for your letter dated May 27, 2016 in which you transmitted the recommendations made by the Conference for Food Protection (CFP) at its 2016 Biennial Meeting in Boise, Idaho. By all accounts, the 2016 Meeting was a productive one. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) appreciates the efforts of all participants in the 2016 Meeting to develop recommendations intended to further food safety and foster cooperation between Federal, state, local, territorial and tribal agencies and our partners in industry, academia, and consumers. FDA values the opportunity to fully participate in the CFP Biennial Meetings and to provide consult to the Executive Board and the numerous CFP Committees.

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the FDA and the CFP, I am pleased to respond with FDA's current position on those recommendations that pertain to the FDA Food Code or otherwise recommend action on the part of FDA.

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

Your letter identified twenty-five recommendations accepted by the Assembly of Delegates to change the FDA Food Code or the Food Code Annexes.

FDA conceptually agrees with sixteen of the twenty-five final recommendations and anticipates making changes to the Food Code and its Annexes related to the following issues:

- 2016-I-007 IMC 3 – Amend Food Code 4-602.11 (E) (4) Equipment Cleaning Frequency**
- 2016-I-022 Update the definition of Vending Machines**
- 2016-I-023 Shellfish Retail Record Keeping**
- 2016-I-033 Thawing 3-501.13**
- 2016-I-035 Missing reference in 2013 FDA Food Code Section 3-501.19(A)(1)(a)**
- 2016-I-036 Clarifying Date Marking Disposition**
- 2016-I-042 Towel Drying Exception For Equipment Removed From High-Temp Dish Machines**
- 2016-II-004 Imminent Health Hazard: Modify Enforcement & PIC Duties**
- 2016-II-025 Mandatory Food Protection Manager Certification for Persons in Charge**
- 2016-III-002 LRG 2 - Approval of Listeria Retail Guidance Document**
- 2016-III-014 Bandage, Finger Cot, and Stall contamination**