**Conference for Food Protection**

**2020 Issue Form**

**Issue: 2020 III-023**

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| **Council Recommendation:** | Accepted as  Submitted |  | Accepted as Amended |  | No Action |  |
| **Delegate Action:** | Accepted |  | Rejected |  |  |  |

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**Title:**

Amend Food Code – Clarification on allowable sanitizers in 4-501.114

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

1. that a letter be sent to FDA requesting that Section 4-501.114 of the most current edition of the Food Code be amended as follows (added language underlined and italicized):

4-501.114 (E) If a chemical sanitizer other than chlorine, iodine, or a quaternary ammonium compound is used, it shall be approved by the EPA for use as a food contact surface sanitizer, and it shall be applied in accordance with the EPA-registered label use instructions; p

1. that a letter be sent to FDA requesting that Section 4-501.114 of Annex 3 - Public Health Reasons/Administrative Guidelines be amended as follows (added language underlined and italicized):

With respect to chemical sanitization, section 4-501.114 addresses the proper use conditions for the sanitizing solution, i.e., chemical concentration range, pH, and temperature minimum levels and, with respect to quaternary ammonium compounds (quats), the maximum hardness level. If these parameters are not as specified in the Code or on the EPA-registered label, then this provision is violated. This section is not intended to limit formulation of food contact sanitizers to only chlorine, iodine, or quaternary ammonium compounds. Alternative active ingredients (e.g., ethanol, hydrogen peroxide, lactic acid, peroxyacetic acid, etc.) are permitted as long as they are listed in 40 CFR 180.940 and are approved by EPA as food contact sanitizers.

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