**Conference for Food Protection**

**2020 Issue Form**

**Issue: 2020 I-010**

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

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**Title:**

Amend Food Code – Clarify “Equipment” definition

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

... a letter be sent to the FDA requesting that the definition for **"Equipment"** listed under 1-201.10 [see page 7 of the 2017 Food Code] be amended as follows (language to be deleted is in strike-through format, new language to be added is underlined):

**Equipment**.

(1) **"Equipment"** means an article that is used in the operation of a FOOD ESTABLISHMENT such as a freezer, grinder, hood, ice maker, MEAT block, mixer, oven, reach-in refrigerator, scale, sink, slicer, stove, table, TEMPERATURE MEASURING DEVICE for ambient air, VENDING MACHINE, or WAREWASHING machine.

(2) **"Equipment"** includes any physical structure, surface or accessory (e.g. ball bearings, overhead covers etc.) attached to, or in the vicinity of the actual EQUIPMENT which may directly influence an EQUIPMENT's capability for the production of SAFE FOOD.

~~(2)~~ (3) ***"Equipment"*** does not include apparatuses used for handling or storing large quantities of PACKAGED FOODS that are received from a supplier in a cased or overwrapped lot, such as hand trucks, forklifts, dollies, pallets, racks, and skids.

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For more information, see content document attached: Proposal to Review the Definitions of "Utensil" and "Equipment" provided in the 2017 Food Code and ensuring their relation with the "Food-contact surface" Definition.

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