

May 29, 2012

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Dear Mr. Landa:

As you are aware the mission of the Conference for Food Protection (CFP/Conference) is to promote food safety through collaboration and partnership among federal, state and local regulatory agencies, the food industry, academia and consumer groups.

On April 14-18, 2012 the Conference met in Indianapolis, Indiana. The three Councils deliberated on a total of 112 issues. Of these, the Assembly of State Delegates (a group of representatives from 45 States and the territory of Puerto Rico) accepted 105 of the council recommendations. A number of these accepted issues deal directly with proposed changes to the Food Code.

As described in the Conference Procedures and addressed in our MOU with FDA, the Conference Chair must convey any recommendations related to the Food Code to the FDA within 45 days of the Conference meeting, and by agreement, request written response from the FDA to those recommendations within 60 days of receipt. In addition to specific Food Code issues, we are including several other issues that recommend FDA's involvement.

The attachment to this letter for FDA review and comment consists of the following parts:

- Part 1: Conference recommendations for changes to the FDA Food Code. This is a listing of Conference recommendations for language changes to the Food Code, including the Food Code annexes.
- Part 2: Other Conference recommendations that may directly or indirectly affect future versions of the Food Code or that suggest FDA's involvement in some way (e.g., through committees, coordination with other agencies and organizations, or other relevant issues).

The CFP Executive Board is planning to meet in Alexandria, Virginia on August 7-8, 2012. We will be reviewing the recommendations of the Conference and FDA's response to the recommendations, as well as other pertinent issues. We would welcome any opportunity that you or other members of your staff might have to meet and talk with the Executive Board at that

time. In the interim, please contact me or the FDA member on the CFP Executive Board member, Kevin Smith, if you have any inquiries to further clarify any of the aforementioned recommendations.

FDA's support of and cooperation with the Conference through the years has resulted in an improved regulatory process and increased efforts toward food safety. The CFP Executive Board looks forward to continuing this same collaboration and partnership with FDA in the coming months and years. With such a liaison, we expect to continue the great progress of the past.

Sincerely,

Lori LeMaster, Chair
Conference for Food Protection

ATTACHMENT

c: Kevin Smith, Director
FDA, Retail Food and Cooperative Programs Coordination Staff

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