2014 CFP Wild Harvested Mushroom Committee

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Committee Members - Thanks!

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Committee Charges:

- 1) Work with FDA to revise current language in the FDA Food Code 3-201.16 and Annex 3 3-201.16 and create language that establishes criteria for compliance and enforcement;
- 2) Refine educational curriculum and exam components, work with the USDA National Integrated Food Safety Initiative Retail Food Safety Consortium to develop a curriculum; <u>Charge</u> <u>amended by the Executive Board May 14–15, 2013 to read:</u> Create guidelines and learning objectives for jurisdictions to use to develop a local or regional Wild Harvested Mushroom training program;
- 3) Pilot the draft model guidance;
- 4) Create a record keeping document for traceback purposes;

- Work with FDA to revise current language in the FDA Food Code 3-201.16 and Annex 3 3-201.16 and create language that establishes criteria for compliance and enforcement;
- In December 2012, the committee took advantage of an opportunity to submit code language to CFSAN to recommend a change in the wild mushroom language which would be reflected in the 2013 FDA Food Code.

- The 2009 FDA Food Code language (3–201.16) requires each mushroom be individually inspected by an approved mushroom expert. The committee submitted language that was based upon the standard in Oregon. Oregon language provides for three things: Consumer notification; information about the mushroom seller and identifier; and a statement of the qualifications of the identifier and retention of this information.
- CFSAN did agree to change the 2013 FDA Food Code language to remove the requirement that each mushroom be individually inspected by a mushroom expert and instead defer to the regulatory authority to determine compliance with 3-201.16.

 Even though the 2013 FDA Food Code language was changed, the committee agreed to still provide CFSAN with model language, but not to recommend that it be codified in the Food Code.

• Issue I-006:

The committee revised the original language submittal to address CFSAN's concerns with a recommendation that it be considered for inclusion in the next version of the FDA Food Code either as suggested code language in italics or added to Annex 3 as an option for compliance with 3–201.16.

- Original: Refine educational curriculum and exam components, work with the USDA National Integrated Food Safety Initiative Retail Food Safety Consortium to develop a curriculum;
- Invited ANSI and academia to provide background information on the cost (\$10K to \$100K) and practicality of this committee or a regulatory jurisdiction developing a curriculum and exam as part of a certificate or certification program.
- The committee agreed that the best way to move the committee charges forward was to instead develop guidelines and learning objectives for jurisdictions to use to create their own local or regional training program.

- <u>Charge amended by the Executive Board May</u> <u>14–15, 2013 to read:</u> Create guidelines and learning objectives for jurisdictions to use to develop a local or regional Wild Harvested Mushroom training program;
- The committee researched existing training programs and compared those with the learning objectives developed by the previous CFP Wild Mushroom Committee.

 The committee then finalized a recommended set of learning objectives that can serve as a model for other jurisdictions to use as they develop their own local or regional training programs.

• Issue I-007:

Request that the learning objectives be included in Annex 3 of the next edition of the FDA Food Code.

Final Recommendations

 With the change to the 2013 FDA Food Code language, the availability of existing CFP developed guidance documents and the recommendations from the current committee, jurisdictions now have the resource information and flexibility necessary to develop their own program if they choose to do so.

• Issue I-005:

Committee Report and a recommendation that the committee be disbanded.