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Council III – 2014 Issue Listing

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**Conference for Food Protection
2014 Issue Form**

Issue: 2014 III-001

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted x Accepted as Amended No Action

Delegate Action: Accepted Rejected

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Title:

Report - Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Committee

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

1. That the report of the Committee be acknowledged and the Committee members be given a vote of thanks for their committee service and their diligent efforts and dedication to the review and creation of the new *Emergency Action Plan for Retail Food Establishments, Second Edition* document; and
2. That the Committee be disbanded.

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Issue: 2014 III-002

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

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Title:

EAP 2 - Emergency Action Plan for Retail Food Establishments

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

1. The new *Emergency Action Plan for Retail Food Establishments, Second Edition* document be accepted by the Conference for posting in both PDF and Word formats on the CFP website.

For actual document, see Issue titled: *Report-Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Committee*; attachment titled "*Emergency Action Plan for Retail Food Establishments, Second Edition*."

and

2. That a letter be sent to the FDA recommending the 2013 Food Code be amended to include reference in Annex 2 to the approved *Emergency Action Plan for Retail Food Establishments, Second Edition*.

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Issue: 2014 III-003

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended _____ No Action **x**

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

EAP 3 - Time/Temperature Chart for Emergency Situations

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No action because the chart was accepted in Issue III-002 and the Issue was withdrawn by the submitter.

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Issue: 2014 III-004

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted x Accepted as Amended No Action

Delegate Action: Accepted Rejected

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Title:

Report - Time as a Public Health Control (TPHC) Committee

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

1. acknowledgement of the 2012-2014 Time as a Public Health Control Committee report and the completion of all assigned charges; and
2. acknowledgement of the 2012-2014 committee members for their diligent work in gathering the required scientific and outbreak information on each of the food and food categories, faithful attendance at our web meetings, productive discussions, and consensus decisions.

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Issue: 2014 III-005

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

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Title:

TPHC 2 - Foods Starting at Room Temperature and Held Using TPHC

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

that a letter be sent to the FDA requesting that the 2013 Food Code be amended as follows (new language in underline format):

Section 3-501.19 (B)

(1) The FOOD shall have an initial temperature of 5°C (41°F) or less when removed from cold holding temperature control, or 57°C (135°F) or greater when removed from hot holding temperature control.^P Tomatoes, cantaloupe, leafy greens, canned tuna, and shelf-stable canned product used as a sole item shall have an initial temperature of 22°C (72°F) or less when rendered time/temperature control for safety by way of cutting, chopping, or opening of a hermetically sealed container.

(2) The FOOD shall be marked or otherwise identified to indicate the time that is 4 hours past the point in time when the FOOD is removed from temperature control^{Pf}, or rendered time/temperature control for safety food by way of cutting, chopping, or opening of a hermetically sealed container;

(3) The FOOD shall be cooked and served, served at any temperature if READY-TO-EAT, or discarded, within 4 hours from the point in time when the FOOD is removed from temperature control^P or rendered time/temperature control for safety food by way of cutting, chopping, or opening of a hermetically sealed container; and

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Issue: 2014 III-006

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

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Title:

TPHC 3 - Foods Needing More Research for Using TPHC

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

that a letter be sent to the FDA recommending further evaluation and research to determine if the following products can be held without cooling to 5°C (41°F) prior to using time as a public health control (TPHC):

1. Retail prepared chopped garlic and oil mixtures
2. Hummus made from non-commercially prepared ingredients
3. Opened canned product used as an ingredient in a formulation

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Issue: 2014 III-007

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted x Accepted as Amended No Action

Delegate Action: Accepted Rejected

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Title:

Report - Listeria Retail Guidelines Committee

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

1. Acknowledgment of the 2012-14 *Listeria* Retail Guidelines Committee Report, and
2. Thanking the members of the 2012-14 *Listeria* Retail Guidelines Committee for their work.

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Issue: 2014 III-008

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended x No Action _____

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Re-Create - Listeria Retail Guidelines Committee

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

re-creation of the *Listeria* Retail Guidelines Committee. The committee will be charged to revise the "2006 Voluntary Guidelines of Sanitation Practices Standard Operating Procedures and Good Retail Practices to Minimize Contamination and Growth of *Listeria monocytogenes* Within Food Establishments" to include:

- 1) sanitation guidance for equipment and food establishment environments,
- 2) good retail practices on how to prevent contamination and growth of Lm in retail establishments,
- 3) updated outdated links to other documents, and
- 4) information from and references to documents published by credible organizations on the topic of Lm prevention and control in food establishments.

The Conference also recommends that the committee report its recommendations back to the 2016 Biennial Meeting with Issues to address:

- 1) the above charges, and
- 2) recommendations that a letter be sent to FDA requesting that Annex 2 (References, Part 3-Supporting Documents) be amended by adding a reference to the revised voluntary guidelines.

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Issue: 2014 III-009

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted x Accepted as Amended No Action

Delegate Action: Accepted Rejected

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Title:

Report - Hand Hygiene Committee (HHC)

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

1. acknowledgement of the 2012-2014 Hand Hygiene Committee report, and
2. thanking the committee for the effort the members put forth in working on the charges.

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Issue: 2014 III-010

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended _____ No Action **x**

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

HHC-3 Recommended Foodservice Glove Language Changes to the Food Code

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No Action: Too many unresolved questions related to this topic.

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Issue: 2014 III-011

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended x No Action _____

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Re-create - Hand Hygiene Committee (HHC)

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

1. Recreate the Hand Hygiene Committee, working in collaboration with FDA, CDC, and FSIS, to be charged with the following:

- a. Ascertain if additional definitions are necessary to clarify the hand hygiene procedures listed in the Food Code.
- b. Use current research including the documents created by the Committee's 2012-2014 work (Hand Contamination Event Hazard Chart; Questions to Consider when Evaluating Studies of Alternative Handwashing Approaches; and Scientific, Regulatory and Behavioral Consideration of Hand Hygiene Regimes) to determine if alternatives to hand hygiene procedures equivalent to those described in the Food Code are available.
- c. Identify situations where procedures exist to prevent hand soil and contamination.
- d. Review available research on the efficacy and public health significance of antibacterial soaps, and their impact on hand hygiene procedures in the food industry.

2. Report back the Committee's findings, outcomes, and recommendations to the 2016 Biennial Meeting of the Conference for Food Protection.

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Issue: 2014 III-012

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended _____ No Action **x**

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Establish a Standard for Handwashing Effectiveness

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No Action

Reason: The scientific foundation of the Food Code should remain in the Annex, not in the code itself.

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Issue: 2014 III-013

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended _____ No Action **x**

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Establish Foundational Hand Hygiene Definitions

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No Action: The 2012-2014 Hand Hygiene Committee found that it was already inherent in the Food Code.

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Issue: 2014 III-014

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended x No Action _____

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Amend the water temperature requirement of handwashing sinks

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

that a letter be sent to FDA requesting an interpretation that clarifies the intent of section 5-202.12(A), and the 38°C (100°F) water temperature specified, and how this relates to section 2-301.12(B)(1) which requires warm water to clean hands. The FDA shall report their interpretation through a method such as the FDA Food Code Reference System.

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Issue: 2014 III-015

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended _____ No Action **x**

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Lower Handwash Water Temperature Minimum

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No Action

Reason: Combined with Issue III-014

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Issue: 2014 III-016

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended _____ No Action **x**

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Hand Drying With Disposable Paper Toweling

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No Action

Reason: Insufficient science to support removal of hand drying devices.

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Issue: 2014 III-017

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended _____ No Action **x**

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Hand Cleanse-Sanitize Protocol Not Requiring Running Water

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No Action: Based on additional research needed to show equivalency.

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Issue: 2014 III-018

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended _____ No Action **x**

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Clarify hand washing requirement when donning gloves

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No Action: Addressed in 2013 Food Code

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Issue: 2014 III-019

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended _____ No Action **x**

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Clarify hand washing requirement switching from raw to ready-to-eat foods

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No Action: The wording in the issue is too broad. FDA needs to give clarification of (G).

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Issue: 2014 III-020

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended _____ No Action **x**

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Double Barrier Gloving Exception

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No Action: No consensus on amendment language and much disagreement on the proposal as submitted.

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Issue: 2014 III-021

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended x No Action _____

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Reduced Minimum Temperature for Microwave Steam Cooking of Seafood

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

that a letter be sent to FDA requesting that the 2013 Food Code be amended as follows to address the steam cooking of lobster and shrimp using microwaves as the energy source (new language underlined):

Section 3-401.15 Alternative Procedure for the Microwave Cooking of Lobster and Shrimp

Raw lobster and shrimp steam cooked in a microwave oven shall be:

(A) Placed within a microwave safe covered container with the addition of a sufficient amount of water to cover the bottom of the pan that maintains a saturated steam environment; and

(B) Steam heated to a temperature of at least 62.8°C (145°F) for 15 seconds in all parts of the food.

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**Conference for Food Protection
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Issue: 2014 III-022

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended x No Action _____

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

When partial cooking is actually incubation

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

that a letter be sent to the FDA requesting review and consideration to modify section 3-401.11 of the Food Code to address potential public health concerns (for example, slow come-up times) for preparing and holding partially cooked foods in the danger zone (including concerns about time).

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Issue: 2014 III-023

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended _____ No Action **x**

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Amend Food Code - Consistency with FSIS Cooking Temperatures

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No Action

Reason: There is no specific request of CFP at this time.

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Issue: 2014 III-024

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended _____ No Action **x**

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Create Committee for Raw and Undercooked Meat and Poultry Products

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No Action

Reason: Better handled through other organizations' expertise. The charges are beyond the scope of the CFP Committee.

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Issue: 2014 III-025

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended _____ No Action **x**

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Create Committee for Safe Cooking and Preparation of Rotisserie Chicken

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No Action

Reason: Based on that it is already identified in the Food Code.

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Issue: 2014 III-026

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended _____ No Action **x**

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Potable Ice

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No Action

Reason: Based on that this is already addressed in the current Food Code through the cleaning of the equipment and identified in Annex 3 that potable water be used as a source.

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Issue: 2014 III-027

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended _____ No Action **x**

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Chemicals for Treating Fruits and Vegetables

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No Action

Reason: FDA and EPA are already collaborating to provide information on interpretation and implementation of this section of the Food Code.

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Issue: 2014 III-028

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended x No Action _____

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Salmonella as a reportable illness (as opposed to Salmonella Typhi and NTS)

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

that a letter be sent to the FDA requesting the 2013 Food code be amended as follows (language to be removed is in strikethrough format):

1. 2-201.11 (A)
- (2) Has an illness diagnosed by a HEALTH PRACTITIONER due to:
 - (a) Norovirus, P
 - (b) Hepatitis A virus, P
 - (c) Shigella spp., P
 - (d) SHIGA TOXIN-PRODUCING ESCHERICHIA COLI,
 - (e) ~~Typhi;P~~ or Typhoid Fever (caused by S. Typhi)
 - (f) ~~nontyphoidal Salmonella;P~~ Salmonella (nontyphoidal)

The above changes will be made throughout the restriction and exclusion criteria in the Food Code.

Also, the Conference recommends that the FDA work with the CDC to simplify the restriction and exclusion criteria to be easily understood by food establishment management staff and base criteria on sound science.

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Issue: 2014 III-029

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Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Seasoned Cast Iron

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No Action

Reason: Already identified in the Food Code.

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Issue: 2014 III-030

Council Recommendation: Accepted as Submitted _____ Accepted as Amended x No Action _____

Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Designating certain cheeses non-time/temperature control for safety foods

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

that a letter be sent to FDA to evaluate, consider, and research the possibility of the following food code change to the 2013 Food Code:

Add (E) *in subpart 3-501.19 Time as a Public Health Control* to read as follows (new language is underlined):

E Natural cheeses made from pasteurized cow's milk, that are: not ripened with mold; not surface-ripened with bacteria; not Swiss, emmentaler and related cheeses produced using propionic acid-producing bacterial cultures; stored for up to a maximum of 15 days at up to a maximum of 77°F when a written procedure in the form of a standard operating procedure (SOP) exists to control for time and temperature; accompanied by a letter of guarantee from the manufacturer; labeled for the consumer with a use by date and the statement 'Refrigerate for quality'; and have pH and % salt- in-moisture phase (SMP) levels meeting one of the following requirements for food safety:

pH not greater than 4.60 and % SMP not less than 0.24

pH not greater than 4.70 and % SMP not less than 0.91

pH not greater than 4.80 and % SMP not less than 1.58

pH not greater than 4.90 and % SMP not less than 2.24

pH not greater than 5.00 and % SMP not less than 2.91

pH not greater than 5.10 and % SMP not less than 3.58

pH not greater than 5.20 and % SMP not less than 4.25

pH not greater than 5.30 and % SMP not less than 4.92

pH not greater than 5.40 and % SMP not less than 5.59

pH not greater than 5.50 and % SMP not less than 6.26

pH not greater than 5.60 and % SMP not less than 6.93

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Issue: 2014 I-018

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Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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Title:

Amend Food Code - Prevention of Food Allergen Cross-Contact

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No Action

Reason: Addressing the concern of allergen cross contact in retail will be more appropriate after the final Preventive Controls for Human Food Rules are published. Current activities within FDA to address the public health risks from allergens are ongoing.

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