

# **Conference for Food Protection**

2023 Biennial Meeting

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# Council I – Laws

and

# Regulations

Final Issue Recommendations with Assembly of State

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# **Council I 2023 Issues and Actions**

Number		As Submitted	As Amended	No Action	Assembly Action
I-001	Report – CFP-ISSC JSC Issue #1	Х			Accepted
I-002	CFP-ISSC JSC #2 Approve and Post Guidance and Best Practices Documents		Х		Accepted
I-003	Gloves Used as a Single-Use Disposable Utensil	Х			Accepted
I-004	Amend Food Code 2-301.14 – Allow Donning of Loose-Fitting Gloves			Х	Accepted
I-005	Add cross contact definition & codified/Annex language within the Food Code			Х	Accepted
I-006	Regulating use of "may contain" type advisory labels			Х	Accepted
I-007	Bread bakers adding sesame flour to recipe rather than "may contain."		Х		Accepted
I-008	Sesame Update To Section 403(w)(1) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 343(w)(1))			Х	Accepted
I-009	Companies adding sesame to products previously safe for sesame-allergic			Х	Accepted
I-010	Labeling under Food Allergy Safety, Treatment, Education & Research Act			Х	Accepted
I-011	Manufacturers have begun to add sesame to protect from legal action.			Х	Accepted
I-012	Establish written procedures for managing food allergy events			Х	Accepted
I-013	PSC14 Re-create Plan Review Committee			Х	Accepted
I-014	Re-Establish Plan Review Committee			Х	Accepted
I-015	Re-create the Plan Review Committee (PRC)		Х		Accepted
I-016	Re-creation of the Hand Hygiene committee			Х	Accepted
I-017	Amend Food Code 3-301.11 - Double Handwashing and Nail Brush Usage		Х		Accepted
I-018	Chemical Sanitizing test strips Expiration Date		Х		Accepted
I-019	Report - Foodborne Illness Investigation Committee	Х			Accepted
I-020	FBIIC2-Interpret if 2022 FDA Food Code Provides Investigation Authority		Х		Accepted
I-021	FBIIC3-Amend 2022 FDA Food Code to Provide Access for FBI Investigation			Х	Accepted
I-022	Amend Food Code to allow cooling without time and temperature monitoring.		Reassign to	Council III	
I-023	Amend Food Code to Update Final Cook Temps for Sous Vide under 3-502.12			Х	Accepted
I-024	Amend Food Code - Strike "leaking automatic fire sprinkler heads"			Х	Rejected
I-025	Amend Food Code to include procedures for clean-up of vomit and diarrhea		Reassign to	o Council III	
I-026	Add off-site warewashing facilities for multiuse articles to Food Code		Reassign to	o Council III	
I-027	Amend Food Code – Packaging Requirements for Vended TCS Foods		Х		Accepted
I-028	Creation of a Committee - E-Commerce Best Practices		Х		Accepted
I-029	Amend the Food Code, Section 8-401.10			Х	Accepted
I-030	Creation of a Food Traceability Rule Committee			Х	Accepted
I-031	Clarify 7-204.12 (D) to separate EPA and FDA jurisdictions			Х	Accepted
I-032	Reducing Cross Contamination Risk from Use of Reusable Wiping Cloths		Х		Accepted
II-052	Allergen Committee 4 Re-Create Allergen Committee		Х		Accepted

Issue: 2023 I-001

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	x	Accepted as Amended		No Action	
Delegate Action:	Accepted		Rejected			
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# Title:

Report – CFP-ISSC JSC Issue #1

# Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

1. Acknowledgment of the CFP-ISSC Joint Shellfish Committee Final Report.

2. Thank the committee members for their diligent work on the development of a significant number of best practices and guidance documents to further the joint effort between retail food establishments and regulators to protect public health.

3. Disband the committee; all assigned charges have been completed.

#### Issue: 2023 I-002

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	x	No Action		
Delegate Action:	Accepted	Rejected		-		
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#### Title:

CFP-ISSC JSC #2 Approve and Post Guidance and Best Practices Documents

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

1. Approval of the five retail food establishment best practice documents in English and Spanish

- a. Shellstock Tag Procedures English (see attached PDF)
- b. Shellstock Tag Procedures Spanish (see attached PDF)
- c. Shellstock Tag Procedures Infographic (see attached PDF)
- d. Shellstock Tags English (see attached PDF)
- e. Shellstock Tags Spanish (see attached PDF)
- 2. Approval of the five guidance documents for state and local food safety inspectors.
- f. Anatomy of Shellstock Tags (see attached PDF)
- g. Molluscan Shellfish the Basics (see attached PDF)
- h. Shellfish Code Language Table (see attached PDF)

i. Molluscan Shellfish Environmental Investigation Field Worksheet (see attached Word document)

j. Molluscan Shellfish Investigation Field Checklist (see attached PDF)

3. Post the approved guidance documents on the CFP website with the following changes made:

Item (g) "Molluscan Shellfish the Basics" changes:

• "Oysters, clams, and mussels grow in water that may contain pathogenic bacteria and viruses, such as Vibrio species, hepatitis A virus, or norovirus. Many molluscan shellfish are consumed without a cooking step to kill those pathogens. In addition, some molluscan shellfish may contain toxins from algae in the growing water."

- removed "naturally" and added norovirus
- replace "raw" with "live"

Item (h) "Shellfish Code Language Table" changed

• "Shucked" in upper right corner to read "SHUCKED – Molluscan Shellfish with Both Shells Removed"

• Fix typos/font issue in "3-202.18"

Issue:	2023	I-003
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Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	X	Accepted as Amended		No Action	
Delegate Action:	Accepted		Rejected			
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# Title:

Gloves Used as a Single-Use Disposable Utensil

# Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

That a letter be sent to FDA requesting that the most current edition of the *Food Code Annex 7, Guide 3-B, 8. Hands clean and properly washed*, be amended as follows:

# IN/OUT

This item should be marked IN or OUT of compliance. This item is marked IN compliance only when employees are observed using proper handwashing techniques at appropriate times and places. Hands are not required to be washed between each change of gloves, if it is observed that there was no change in the task being performed and no activities which could potentially result in cross contamination. <u>Also, hands are not required to be washed</u> <u>after or between glove changes if gloves are used as a single-use disposable utensil and</u> <u>no activities resulting in hand contamination were observed.</u>

Issue: 2023 I-004

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

Amend Food Code 2-301.14 – Allow Donning of Loose-Fitting Gloves

No Action: The issue is adequately addressed in the Food Code 2-301.14

Issue: 2023 I-005

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	No Action	X		
Delegate Action:	Accepted	_ Rejected				
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# Title:

Add cross contact definition & codified/Annex language within the Food Code

# Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

#### No Action: Addressed in Issue 2023-II-052

Issue: 2023 I-006

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted		Accepted as Amended		No Action	X	
Delegate Action:	Accepted		Rejected				
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# Title:

Regulating use of "may contain" type advisory labels

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

No Action: Addressed in issue 2023-I-005

#### Issue: 2023 I-007

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as _ Amended	x	No Action	
Delegate Action:	Accepted	_Rejected		_	
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#### Title:

Bread bakers adding sesame flour to recipe rather than "may contain."

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

A letter be sent to the FDA requesting the acknowledgment of the practice on the part of the commercial bread industry's addition of sesame and sesame flour into bread and similar products consequence for industry to comply with FDA allergen label. FDA should work with commercial manufacturers towards additional solutions.

Issue: 2023 I-008

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	No Action	x		
Delegate Action:	Accepted	_ Rejected				
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# Title:

Sesame Update to Section 403(w)(1) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 343(w)(1))

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

No Action: Addressed in Issue 2023-I-007

Issue: 2023 I-009

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	No Action	x		
Delegate Action:	Accepted	Rejected				
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# Title:

Companies adding sesame to products previously safe for sesame-allergic

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

No Action: Addressed in Issue 2023-I-007.

Issue: 2023 I-010

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	No Action	x		
Delegate Action:	Accepted	Rejected				
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# Title:

Labeling under Food Allergy Safety, Treatment, Education & Research Act

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

No action: Addressed in Issue in 2023-I-007

Issue: 2023 I-011

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	No Action	x	
Delegate Action:	Accepted	Rejected			
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# Title:

Manufacturers have begun to add sesame to protect from legal action.

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

No Action: Addressed in Issue 2023-I-007

Issue: 2023 I-012

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted		Accepted as Amended	 No Action	x	
Delegate Action:	Accepted		Rejected			
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# Title:

Establish written procedures for managing food allergy events

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

No Action: The issue is beyond the authority of the Food Code.

Issue: 2023 I-013

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

PSC14 Re-create Plan Review Committee

No Action: Issue addressed in 2023-1-015

Issue: 2023 I-014

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

**Re-Establish Plan Review Committee** 

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

No Action: Addressed in Issue 2023-I-015

#### Issue: 2023 I-015

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	X	No Action
Delegate Action:	Accepted	Rejected		
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#### Title:

Re-create the Plan Review Committee (PRC)

# Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

The PRC be recreated following the 2023 CFP Biennial meeting with the following charges:

1) Review and revise the following documents as needed to address changes in the latest version of the FDA Food Code, as well as latest and popular industry trends.

a) Plan Review for Food Establishments 2016

b) Recommended Guidance for Permanent Outdoor Cooking at Permanent Food Establishment 2014

c) Recommended Guidance for Mobile Food Establishments 2014

d) Temporary Food Establishments 2011

2)Identify newer technologies which may benefit from additional guidance documents.

3) Report back to the next biennial meeting of the Conference for Food Protection

Issue: 2023 I-016

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	No Action	x
Delegate Action:	Accepted	Rejected		
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# Title:

Re-creation of the Hand Hygiene committee

# Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...

No action: The issue is adequately addressed in chapters 2 and 3 of the Food Code

#### Issue: 2023 I-017

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	X	No Action	
Delegate Action:	Accepted	Rejected		-	
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#### Title:

Amend Food Code 3-301.11 - Double Handwashing and Nail Brush Usage

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

That a letter be sent to the FDA requesting an interpretation, and inclusion in the Annex, of double handwashing and the use of nail brushes in section 3-301.11 of the most current edition of the Food Code

#### Issue: 2023 I-018

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as _ Amended	x	No Action	
Delegate Action:	Accepted	_Rejected		_	
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#### Title:

Chemical Sanitizing test strips Expiration Date

#### Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

That a letter be sent to FDA requesting that Section 4-501.116 be modified as follows (new language is underlined)

4-501.116 Warewashing Equipment, Determining Chemical Sanitizer Concentration.

- 1. Concentration of the SANITIZING solution shall be accurately determined by using a test kit or other device.
- 2. Sanitizing test kit shall be used according to manufacturer's label instructions.

#### Issue: 2023 I-019

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	X	Accepted as Amended		No Action	
Delegate Action:	Accepted		Rejected			
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#### Title:

Report - Foodborne Illness Investigation Committee

#### Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

- 1. Acknowledgement of the Foodborne Illness Investigation Final Report.
- 2. Thanking the Committee members for their work.
- 3. Disbanding the committee since all charges have been met.
- 4. Posting a PDF of the Committee developed "Food Establishment Consumer Purchase Best Practices" guidance document for CFP branding under Conference-Developed Guides and Documents on the CFP website.

#### Issue: 2023 I-020

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	x	No Action	
Delegate Action:	Accepted	Rejected		-	
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#### Title:

FBIIC2-Interpret if 2022 FDA Food Code Provides Investigation Authority

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

that a letter be sent to the FDA requesting an interpretation of the Food Code clarifying that Section 8-304.11(H) coupled with Section 8-402.11 and other relevant sections provide sufficient authority for a regulatory authority to conduct a foodborne illness investigation.

Issue: 2023 I-021

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	No Action	X	
Delegate Action:	Accepted	_Rejected			
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# Title:

FBIIC3-Amend 2022 FDA Food Code to Provide Access for FBI Investigation

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

No Action: Council could not reach consensus on this Issue.

Issue: 2023 I-023

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	No Action	x
Delegate Action:	Accepted	Rejected		
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# Title:

Amend Food Code to Update Final Cook Temps for Sous Vide under 3-502.12

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

No Action: Issue is covered under the variance process in Food Code section 3-502.11.

Issue: 2023 I-024

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	No Action	x	
Delegate Action:	Accepted	_Rejected			
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# Title:

Amend Food Code - Strike "leaking automatic fire sprinkler heads"

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

No action: The issue is adequately addressed in Food Code sections 3-305.12,

4-401.11, and 4-903.12.

				Issue: 20	23 I-025
			Reassig	ned to Coun	cil III
Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	<u>x</u>	No Action	
Delegate Action:	Accepted	Rejected		_	
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# Title:

Amend Food Code to include procedures for clean-up of vomit and diarrhea

# Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

that a letter be sent to the FDA requesting Section 2-501.11 of the most current edition of the Food Code be amended <u>so</u> as <u>the verbiage matches Issue 2023 III-017</u> follows:

# 2-501.11 Clean-up of Vomiting and Diarrheal Events.

A FOOD ESTABLISHMENT shall have procedures for EMPLOYEES to follow when responding to vomiting or diarrheal events that involve the discharge of vomitus or fecal matter onto surfaces in the FOOD ESTABLISHMENT. The procedures shall address the specific actions EMPLOYEES must take to minimize the spread of contamination and the exposure of EMPLOYEES, consumers, FOOD, and surfaces to vomitus or fecal matter<sup>Pf</sup> and shall include at least the following: <sup>Pf</sup>

(A) Availability of effective disinfectants, such as EPA registered disinfectant effective against products sufficient to inactivate norovirus, personal protective EQUIPMENT, and other cleaning and disinfecting EQUIPMENT and appurtenances intended for response and their proper use. <sup>Pf</sup>

(B) Procedures for cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfection of surfaces and cleaning and disinfecting EQUIPMENT that may have become contaminated. <sup>Pf</sup>

(C) Procedures for containment and removal of any discharges, cleaning and disinfecting EQUIPMENT, and food that may have been exposed. <sup>Pf</sup>

#### Issue: 2023 I-027

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	X	No Action	
Delegate Action:	Accepted	Rejected		-	
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#### Title:

Amend Food Code – Packaging Requirements for Vended TCS Foods

# Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

Create a Complex Vending Units Committee with the following charges:

- 1. Gather & review existing technology, standards and certifications of complex vending units (CVU) such as units that prepare and assemble exposed food within the unit.
- 2. Examine how CVU's are currently regulated.
- 3. Determine if CVU's should be considered a vending machine, unattended food establishment, or a different category.
  - a. If any changes are needed to the definitions in the Food Code, propose the needed changes.
- 4. Explore the design, construction & operation of CVU's for food safety (including but not limited to supervision, sanitation, chapter four of the 2022 Food Code, etc.) and determine if changes to the Food Code are needed and, if so, propose the needed changes.
- 5. Determine if guidance tools are needed for industry and regulatory use. If a need is determined, develop such tools.
- 6. Report findings at next CFP Biennial Meeting.

Issue: 2023 I-028

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	X	No Action	
Delegate Action:	Accepted	Rejected		-	
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# Title:

Creation of a Committee - E-Commerce Best Practices

# Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

that an E-Commerce Committee be created and charged with the following:

1. Identify best practices and existing guidance that pertain to E-Commerce shopping at retail.

2. Develop a comprehensive guidance document for retail food establishments with best practices specific to E-Commerce shopping to ensure general Food Code recommendations are followed. These recommendations would include proper handling during the shopping process to ensure adequate time/temperature control and prevent cross contamination, construction and equipment requirements for areas where shopped products are held, procedures to address items that were shopped but not picked up by the consumer and any other concerns that may arise during guidance development.

3. Determine appropriate mechanisms for distributing the committee's work.

4. Report the committee's findings and recommendations at the next Biennial Meeting.

Issue: 2023 I-029

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	No Action	x
Delegate Action:	Accepted	Rejected		
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# Title:

Amend the Food Code, Section 8-401.10

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

No action due to variability in third party audit programs.

Issue: 2023 I-030

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	No Action	X	
Delegate Action:	Accepted	Rejected			
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# Title:

Creation of a Food Traceability Rule Committee

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

No Action: Issue is outside of the scope of CFP.

Issue: 2023 I-031

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	No Action	x	
Delegate Action:	Accepted	Rejected			
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# Title:

Clarify 7-204.12 (D) to separate EPA and FDA jurisdictions

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

No Action: Issue is adequately addressed in the current Food Code Section 7-204.12 and further expounded upon in the Annex.

Issue: 2023 I-032

Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as _ Amended	x	No Action	
Delegate Action:	Accepted	_Rejected		_	
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# Title:

Reducing Cross Contamination Risk from Use of Reusable Wiping Cloths

# Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

A letter be sent to FDA requesting that additional guidance in the form of a fact sheet be created to clarify the difference between cleaning and sanitization and the use of wiping cloths. Also, a letter be sent to FDA requesting to amend FDA Food Code 3-304.14 (Wiping Cloths, Use Limitation) as follows

# 3-304.14 Wiping Cloths, Use Limitation.

(A)Cloths in-use for wiping FOOD spills from TABLEWARE and carry-out containers that occur as FOOD is being served shall be:

(B)(1) Maintained dry; and

(2) Used for no other purpose(B) Cloths in-use for wiping counters and other EQUIPMENT surfaces shall be:

(1) Held between uses in a chemical sanitizer solution at a concentration meeting the <u>criteria specified</u> under § 4-501.114; and

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Council Recommendation:	Accepted as Submitted	Accepted as Amended	<u>x</u>	No Action
Delegate Action:	Accepted	_Rejected		_
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# Title:

Allergen Committee 4 Re-create the Allergen Committee

# Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

Re-creation of the Allergen Committee with the following charges: 1. Provide clarification and guidance on 2022 FDA Food Code Section 3-602.11(B)(5), 3- 602.11(C)(2), related to major food allergen labeling in bulk food available for consumer selfdispensing and 3-602.12(C) informing consumers of major food allergens in unpackaged foods via written means.

2. Using existing research and resources to expand upon the "Major Food Allergen Framework" to include:

a. If determined to be needed, provide continued guidance on how to control major food allergen cross-contact, including during receiving, storage, holding, preparation (including knowledge of preparation methods), and service.

b. Identify and gather existing research and resources to form an "Allergen Control Toolkit", (which could include checklists, infographics, allergen matrix for all products, etc.) that can be used by food workers to better understand allergen control.

c. Identify and establish tools (such as SOPs, standardized menus, ingredient lists, quality assurance, etc.) to support the PIC when training food workers around notifying a Consumer about food allergens.

d. Update the document "Major Food Allergen Framework" to include the gathered information from steps a - c.

3. Recommend changes to the Food Code that support retail food establishments to operationalize framework to prevent and control food allergic reactions.

4. Examine if allergen cross contact can be defined and if so, propose a definition.

5. Create best practices and consumer messaging for when and how to disclose when major food allergens are used on shared equipment within retail establishments. Include recommendations for

scenarios that include "may contain" or "made in a facility that also processes" statements and potentially addresses tolerance levels.

6. Report back findings and recommendations to the next Biennial Meeting of the Conference for Food Protection.