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Title:
SHC-RPC - 1 Report - Safe Handling and Cooking of Roaster Pigs Committee

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

the following:

1. Acknowledgment of the 2018-2020 Safe Handling and Cooking of Roaster Pigs Committee report;
2. Thanking the members of the Committee for their work; and
3. That the Committee be disbanded; all charges have been completed.

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Title:
SHC-RPC - 2 Approval of Guidance Document for Roaster Pig Cooking

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

the following:

1. Approval of the committee document entitled "Whole Roaster Pigs: Guidance for the Safe Handling and Cooking" (attached to Issue titled: Report - Safe Handling and Cooking of Roaster Pigs Committee);
2. Authorizing the Conference to make any necessary edits prior to posting the document to assure consistency of format and non-technical content; edits will not affect the technical content of the document; and
3. Posting the guidance document on the CFP website in a downloadable PDF format with functional hyperlinks.

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Title:

SHC-RPC - 3 Sharing of Guidance Document for Roaster Pig Cooking

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

1. A letter be sent to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requesting:

   that the current Food Code (Annex 2, Part 3 - Supporting Documents) be amended to include a reference to the CFP document titled "Whole Roaster Pigs: Guidance for the Safe Handling and Cooking" with phrasing similar to:

   “Roaster pigs present unique challenges for handling and cooking due to their variable, and sometimes, large size. This guidance document provides practical recommendations for the safe handling, preparation, and cooking of roaster pigs. This discussion describes the food safety risks associated with certain practices and practical recommendations to mitigate the food safety risks”;

   and

2. That charges be assigned to the CFP Publications Committee as follows:

   - Make recommendations to the Board to address how Conference for Food Protection publications are disseminated to ensure that all publications are distributed and communicated equally and adequately to reach the applicable constituency groups
   - Oversee dissemination of approved publications following said recommendations

Note: Draft CPF guidance document is attached to Issue titled: Report - Safe Handling and Cooking of Roaster Pigs Committee (SHCRPC); approval of the document is requested in Issue titled: SHCRPC - Approval of Guidance Document the Safe Handling and Cooking of Roaster Pigs

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

Delegate Action: Accepted  X  Rejected  _____

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Title:

Report of the Direct to Consumer Delivery Committee (DTCDC)

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

the following:

1. Acknowledge the committee final report.
2. Thank the voting members, at large non-voting members, federal consultants and observers for their tireless service.
3. Disband the committee.

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Title:
DTCDC #2 Approve/Post Guidance Document - DTC and TPD service food delivery

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends:

the following:

2. Posting the guidance document on the CFP website in a downloadable PDF format; and
3. Authorizing the Conference to make any necessary edits prior to posting the document to assure consistency of format and non-technical content; edits will not affect the technical content of the document.

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Title:

DTCDC #3 Request Food Code Annex be amended to include guidance document

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends…:

a letter be sent to FDA requesting that the current FDA Food Code be amended to include a reference to the "Guidance Document for Direct-to-Consumer and Third-Party Delivery Service Food Delivery" as follows (new language is underlined; existing language to be deleted is in strikethrough format):

Annex 2-References, Part 3-Supporting Documents

W. Guidance Document for Direct-to-Consumer and Third-Party Delivery Service Food Delivery, 2019

Companies that engage in direct-to-consumer and third-party delivery service food delivery have increased in recent years. In 2018 the Conference for Food Protection recommended formation of a committee to revise the existing guidance for direct-to-consumer (mail order) food companies to include guidance for companies engaging in third-party delivery serviced for food delivery. This guidance document provides food safety best practices for managing or performing Direct to Consumer (DTC) or third-party delivery (TPD) services.

The Conference recognizes that FDA may implement this solution in a different manner than what is written here and supports this action.

Note: The guidance document referenced is attached to Issue titled: Report of the Direct to Consumer Delivery Committee.

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Title:

PWWC - Issue 1: Report of Produce Wash Water Committee (PWWC)

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

the following:

a. Acknowledgement of PWWC Report and Roster

b. Thank you and acknowledgement of Committee Members and their work

c. Disbanding of the Committee.

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Title:


Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

1. Approval of the committee document entitled "Guide for Washing and Crisping Whole, Raw Fruits and Vegetables at Retail Food Establishments" (attached to Issue titled: PWWC - Issue 1 Report of Produce Wash Water Committee)
2. Authorizing the Conference to make any necessary edits prior to posting the document to assure consistency of format and non-technical content; edits will not affect the technical content of the document; and
3. Posting the guidance document on the CFP website in a downloadable PDF format.

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Title:
PWWC- Issue 3: Amend Food Code to include Produce Wash Testing Devices

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends:

Amend the current FDA Food Code by adding a new section: "4-302.15 Fruit and Vegetable Wash Solutions, Testing Devices" as follows (new language is underlined; existing language to be deleted is in strikethrough format):

4-302.15 Fruit and Vegetable Wash Solutions, Testing Devices.

For establishments using an EPA registered antimicrobial wash solution for treatment of fruit and vegetable wash water, a test kit or other device that accurately measures the active ingredient concentration of fruit and vegetable wash solution shall be provided to ensure compliance with EPA registered label use instructions.

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Title:

Report–Product Assessment Committee (PAC)

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends…:

2. Thank committee members for their work;
3. Committee be disbanded.

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Title:

PAC 2–Approval of guidance, “Using NACMCF Parameters for Retail Food...”

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

the following actions:

1. Acceptance of the amended committee generated guidance document entitled "Using NACMCF Parameters for Challenge Study Protocols for Retail Food Operators and Regulators" *amended to remove C.perfringens from Section 10 and Chart 11.1

2. Authorizing the Conference to make any necessary edits prior to posting the document on the CFP web site to assure consistency of format and non-technical content; edits will not affect the technical content of the document; and

3. Posting the final document on the CFP website in PDF format

Note: Content document is attached to the Issue titled: Report - Product Assessment Committee

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Title:

PAC 3–Approval of Checklist for Retail Establishment Challenge Study

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

1. Acceptance of the Checklist for Retail Establishment Challenge Study (attached as a content document to Issue titled: Report - Product Assessment Committee).
2. Authorizing the Conference to make any necessary edits prior to posting the document on the CFP web site to assure consistency of format and non-technical content; edits will not affect the technical content of the document.
3. Posting the final document on the CFP website in PDF and editable Word format

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Title:

PAC 4—Approve Challenge Testing Worksheet

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

2. Authorizing the Conference to make any necessary edits prior to posting the document on the CFP web site to assure consistency of format and non-technical content; edits will not affect the technical content of the document.
3. Posting the final document on the CFP website in PDF and editable Word format

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Title:

PAC 5–Amend Food Code Reference Approved Documents in FDA Food Code Annex 3

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

a letter be sent to FDA requesting that the most recent edition of the Food Code Annex 3 be amended to include a reference to all of the approved documents/tools from the Product Assessment Committee at the end of the section as follows (new language is underlined; existing language to be deleted is in strikethrough format):

1-201.10 Statement of Application and Listing of Terms.

(B) Terms Defined

Time/Temperature Control for Safety Food

When a "Product Assessment" is indicated in Table A or Table B, a challenge study may be done to determine the shelf life of the product, or the time a product can be maintained at ambient temperature. Documents have been developed through the Conference for Food Protection (CFP) Product Assessment Committee to assist operators and regulators with the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) Parameters for Determining Inoculated Pack/Challenge Study Protocols. These documents include Guidance Document on Using NACMCF Parameters for Challenge Study Protocols for Retail Food Operators and Regulators, Checklist for Retail Establishment Challenge Study, and Challenge Testing Worksheet to Determine Microbiological Stability of Formulation. These documents can be found on the CFP website.

Note: All documents are attached to "Report - Product Assessment Committee (PAC)" and submitted for CFP approval and posting in Issues "PAC 2-4".

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Title:

Committee to Update CFP Guidance on Beef Ground at Retail

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

that a Committee for the Evaluation of Intended Use Hazards during Retail Meat Grinding be created. This committee should include members from all constituencies in the CFP, including USDA personnel as a consultant.

The Committee will be charged with:

1.) Evaluate prior developed 'CFP Beef Grinding Log Template Guidance Document' to consider inclusion of information for the prevention of common hazards known to be associated with grinding processes:
   A.) "Intended Use" policy, purpose, and control measures including supply chain communication.
   B.) Examples of common control measures, such as supplier guarantees or certificates of analysis and ongoing verification;

2.) Consider developing educational materials (e.g., handout(s) to support grinding log assessment by regulatory authorities, industry personnel, and the public. Examples may include:
   A.) Educational fact sheets detailing hazards represented by the non-intact handling of beef intended for whole intact use;
   B.) Plain language explanations of “Intended Use” policy purpose.

3.) Evaluating potential changes to the Food Code to address the hazards associated with establishments grinding of beef that is manufactured as “Intended for Intact Use”.

4.) Determining appropriate mechanisms for sharing the committee's work, and

5.) Reporting progress back to the next Biennial Meeting in 2023 and the committee's findings and recommendations may be presented at the subsequent Biennial Meeting if necessary.

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Title:

Creation of a Committee: Intended use STEC hazards in retail environment

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

no action as the Issue is adequately addressed in 2020-III-015

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Title:
Create Committee – Standardization of HACCP Plans for Sushi at Retail

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

that a committee be convened to review the current CFP documents and science relating to production of sushi. This committee shall be composed of industry, academic, and regulatory stakeholders and charged with the following:

- Review current industry practices, collect available guidance documents, and current state codes pertaining to the production of sushi prepared at retail establishments.
- Updating the current CFP guidance document for the production of sushi prepared at retail establishments.
- Referencing the guidance document in the Food Code Annex, or wherever the committee deems appropriate.
- Identifying whether the Food Code adequately addresses sushi production at retail as a whole and make suggestions for changes (if necessary) at the next CFP Biennial Conference.
- Identifying the recommended methods to disseminate the committee’s findings.
- Reporting the committee’s findings at the next CFP Biennial Conference.

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Creation of a Rotisserie Chicken Food Safety Committee

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends:

no action because the Issue is adequately addressed in the current FDA Food Code SECTION 3-401.11

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Title:

Amend Food Code – Frozen Food Cook Requirements for HSP

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

that a letter be sent to the FDA recommending:

1. the most recent version of the FDA Food Code within the HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE POPULATION (HSP) section 3-8 address the Issue as presented in 2020-III-032.

and

2. that foods addressed within the Issue which have the disclosure or cooking instructions on them should not be given directly to the HSP without further heat treatment.

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Title:

Amend Food Code to Require Detergent for Equipment Cleaning

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No action for the reason that the intention of the Issue is unclear and since there is insufficient science around validation of removal of major food allergens.

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Title:

Amend Food Code: Hand Cleanse-Sanitize Protocol Not Requiring Water

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No action since this Issue is adequately addressed in the current FDA Food Code, Sections 2-301.16(A)(3) Hand Antiseptic, 2-301.12 Cleaning Procedure, 2-301.15 Where to Wash Hands 5-204.11(A) Handwashing Sinks, 5-205.11(A) Using a Handwashing Sink, and 6-301.11 Handwashing Cleanser, Availability

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Amend 2017 Food Code to improve the sanitary transport of wet wiping cloths

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No action since this Issue is adequately addressed in the current FDA Food Code, Section 3-304.14.

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Title:

Amend Food Code – Clarification on allowable sanitizers in 4-501.114

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends…:

that a letter be sent to FDA requesting that Section 4-501.114 of Annex 3 - Public Health Reasons/Administrative Guidelines be amended as follows (added language underlined and italicized):

With respect to chemical sanitization, section 4-501.114 addresses the proper use conditions for the sanitizing solution, i.e., chemical concentration range, pH, and temperature minimum levels and, with respect to quaternary ammonium compounds (quats), the maximum hardness level. If these parameters are not as specified in the Code or on the EPA-registered label, then this provision is violated. This section is not intended to limit formulation of food contact sanitizers to only chlorine, iodine, or quaternary ammonium compounds. Alternative active ingredients are permitted as long as they are listed in 40 CFR 180.940 and listed by EPA as food contact sanitizers.

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Title:
Amend Food Code by removing the flavor enhancers monosodium glutamate

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:
that a letter be send to the FDA requesting that the current FDA Food Code be amended as follows *(language to be removed is in strikethrough format)*:

"Annex 4, Table 2b- Added Chemical Hazard at Retail, Along with Their Associated Foods and Control Measures." on page 564 of 767.

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**Title:**

Amend definition of TCS to include caramel apples with an inserted stick

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

No action due to submitter recommending that the Issue be withdrawn

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Title:

Amend 3-302.11: When Raw Animal Products Do Not Need Separation from RTE

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends…:

that a letter be sent to FDA requesting that Section 3-302.11 be clarified to indicate when raw animal products do not need separation from RTE when packaged together.

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Title:

Temperature of Water for Handwashing Sinks

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

that a letter be sent to the FDA recommending a change to the current Food Code section 5-202.12 Handwashing Sink, Installation (A) to read as follows (new language is underlined; language to be removed is in strikethrough format):

5-202.12 Handwashing Sink, Installation (A)

(A) A HANDWASHING SINK shall be equipped to provide tempered water at a temperature of at least 38°C (100°F) through a mixing valve or combination faucet.

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Title:

Amend 5-202.12 of Food Code to Change Hot Water Temperature

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

no action since this Issue has been addressed in Issue 2020-III-027

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Title:

3-306.13 Consumer Self-Service Operations

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

no action due to insufficient science or evidence to support the Recommended Solution

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Cleaning of Food Contact Surfaces- Time as a Public Health Control

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

No action since the Issue is adequately addressed in Food Code Section 4-602.11(D)(1)

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Title:

Deletion of "Use Limitations" for Cast Iron Cookware

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

no action since insufficient science or evidence has been provided to take action on the Recommended Solution.

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Title:

Manufacturer cooking instructions and disclosures

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

a letter be sent to FDA requesting that the current FDA Food Code address the cooking of Foods That Bear a Manufacturer’s Cooking Instructions or That Disclose That the Food Has Not Been Processed to Control Pathogens specifying that:

(1) packaged food that bears a manufacturer’s cooking instructions shall be cooked according to those instructions before use in foods that will not be cooked or offered to the consumer in unpackaged form for consumption (e.g., frozen vegetables used in refrigerated salads or served on salad bars) unless the manufacturer's instructions also specify that the food also can be consumed without cooking (e.g., dried soup mix with instructions to be cooked as a soup or used uncooked in preparing a dip);

and

(2) food that bears a disclosure that it has not been processed to control pathogens shall be cooked before use in ready-to-eat (RTE foods) or offered to the consumer for consumption.

Note: This revision is not intended to apply to raw animal foods

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Title:

Standardization for the Critical Limit and pH Monitoring of Acidified Rice

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

No action since the Issue is adequately addressed in the current FDA Food Code, section 3-502.11.

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Title:

Inclusion of the phrase "expelled air" in the definition of ROP

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

remove the phrase "which have the air expelled" from the definition of Reduced Oxygen Packaging 2(b) Cook Chill PACKAGING as found in Section 1-201.10 of the current FDA Food Code and Annex 6 in the definition of Cook Chill (new language is underlined; existing language to be deleted is in strikethrough format):

Section 1-201.10

(d) Cook chill PACKAGING, in which cooked FOOD is hot filled into impermeable bags which have the air expelled and are then sealed or crimped closed. The bagged FOOD is rapidly chilled and refrigerated at temperatures that inhibit the growth of psychrotrophic pathogens;

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Amend Food Code: clarify language for disinfection of food-contact surfaces

Recommended Solution:

A. that a committee be formed to address the term DISINFECTANTS in the Food Code, Food Code Annex, and with the recommended constituencies, including federal partners like FDA, EPA, USDA, and CDC.

Recommended Committee charges include:

1. Review current regulations related to disinfectant use.

2. Develop a guidance document for posting on the CFP website for use by retail food facility operators (chain and independent operators), food safety trainers, and regulators to explain the appropriate use of disinfectants on food-contact surfaces in a retail food facility. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:
   a. Why to use, including an explanation of the difference between sanitization and disinfection.
   b. When to use to treat a surface exposed to viruses (e.g., vomiting and diarrheal events, foodborne illness outbreaks, COVID-19 illness(es)).
   c. What to use (e.g., EPA-registered products).
   d. How to use (e.g., in accordance with EPA-registered label use instructions).
   e. Recommended protocols for clean-up of vomiting and diarrheal events as specified in FDA Food Code section 2-501.11.
   f. List of existing resources, such as federal agency guidance documents, federal regulations (referencing specific, applicable sections), and other publicly available resources to prevent information duplication or contradiction.

3. Consider recommending changes to the FDA Food Code to clarify the use of disinfectants in retail food facilities on food-contact surfaces.

4. Report progress back to the next Biennial Meeting in 2023 and the committee findings and recommendations may be presented at subsequent Biennial Meetings if necessary.

B. that a letter be sent to both FDA and CDC to provide helpful information in controlling and preventing respiratory viruses using disinfectants in food establishments.
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Amend Food Code – Define & outline DISINFECTION, modify SANITIZATION definition.

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

No action as this Issue is addressed in Issue 2020-III-035.

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Title:

Use of Personal Containers for non-TCS Bulk Foods

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

no action since there is insufficient science to take action on the Recommended Solution.

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**Title:**

Amend Food Code to Harmonize the Definition Reusable Container

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

no action because there is insufficient science and a committee has been formed in Issue 2020 I-024 to address this Issue.

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Title:

Amend Food Code to Address New Reusable Scenarios in Food Retail

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...

no action because there is insufficient science and because a committee has been formed in 2020 I-024 to address this Issue

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Title:

Creation of a Committee - Address Reusable Scenarios in Food Retail

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

that a committee be created to address the safe use of reusable containers in restaurants, markets, temporary food facilities and vending. This includes a review of the current FDA Food Code, specifically section 3-304.17,

Scenarios for Committee consideration:

- The use of consumer-owned containers for the sale of bulk dry goods, baked goods, and other food categories
- The filling of customer-owned containers for restaurant takeaway (dining & to-go)
- The appropriate handling of Time/Temperature Control for Safety Foods when sold in reusable containers

The Committee charges are:

1. Clarify the scenarios related to reusable containers within the scope of regulation.
2. Identify and analyze the scientific and other literature related to consumer-owned containers at retail.
3. Draft recommended guidance around those scenarios and create a definition of reusable container.
4. Provide recommended Code language changes, if necessary, to FDA.
5. Report progress back to the next Biennial Meeting in 2023 and the committee findings and recommendations may be presented at the subsequent Biennial Meeting if necessary

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