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**Report to the Executive Committee of the
Conference for Food Protection**

Introduction

The Conference for Food Protection (CFP) and The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) entered into a formal agreement in May of 2002. The agreement creates an accreditation program for bodies that certify Food Protection Managers utilizing the currently approved CFP Standards, delineates roles and responsibilities between CFP and ANSI and creates an ANSI/CFP Personnel Certification Accreditation Committee.

Status of Accredited ANSI/CFP Certification Programs

ANSI has continued the accreditation of three organizations based on the CFP Standards for Accreditation of Food Protection Manager Certification Programs and the ANSI annual surveillance process. This annual review ensures that the three programs continue to meet the CFP Standards. The three organizations are: National Restaurant Association Education Foundation, The National Registry for Food Safety Professionals and Thomson Prometric (formerly known as Experior).

During the past year no formal complaints have been received about any of these programs.

The National Restaurant Association Education Foundation (NRAEF) has announced a change in the legal status of their certification program. The certification program will no longer be part of the NRAEF. Although it is still unclear exactly what the specific legal and structural change may be, ANSI has notified NRAEF that this major change and how it may affect any of the CFP Standards must be addressed in their annual surveillance report which will be due in August.

Marketing of the ANSI/CFP Accreditation Program

In a previous report to the Executive Committee, a summary of the ANSI marketing initiatives were reported. Based on this previous work and the desire of ANSI to further promote the program, it was determined by the Manager Training, Testing and

Certification Committee that ANSI should work with the three providers in determining what further marketing efforts should be initiated.

Two conferences calls were held to discuss what additional marketing efforts should be initiated by ANSI. It was determine that ANSI should build a closer working relationship with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) due to the interest by CDC and its involvement with the States related to training grants and often as a by-product of the training grant, the development of certification examinations.

In addition, the three providers continue to believe that the focus of any marketing efforts should be at the state and local jurisdictions where decisions are made regarding Food Protection Manager Certification. ALL three providers are actively conducting individual marketing program efforts and are not requesting any ANSI designed collaborative marketing efforts. ANSI can best support these marketing efforts in several ways:

- Continuing to provide CFP and the accredited providers with technical assistance when specifically requested on a case by case basis. A recent example is ANSI was alerted to mandatory accredited certification for Food Protection Manager legislation in the state of New Jersey by a training provider who thought it was “training” that was to be accredited. This resulted in a phone call to the responsible staff person and ANSI was able to clarify and educate the staff person about the ANSI/CFP accreditation process. It is felt this is a good example of how ANSI can continue to market the program.
- Continuing to work with the Manager Training, Testing and Certification Committee on a web-based Frequently Asked Question and Answer section that will be placed on both the ANSI and CFP web sites.
- Providing the message points developed as a result of a day long industry focus group that ANSI previously conducted to each of the providers to incorporate into their individual marketing efforts as they see fit.
- Continuing efforts to educate key CDC decision leaders regarding the CFP standards and the ANSI/CFP accreditation program

Future Goals

1. To continue to conduct annual surveillance activities to ensure the three certification agencies meet the CFP Standards.
2. To interact as needed with local and state jurisdictions to clarify and promote the ANSI/CFP accreditation program.
3. To develop a closer working relationship with the Center for Disease Control.

4. To continue the close working relationship with FDA.
5. To continue to identify and recommend to the Manager Training, Testing and Certification Committee CFP Standards that need to be revised.
6. To ensure that CFP has two representatives on the ANSI/CFP Accreditation Committee as outlined in the contract.

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