

To: CFP Board
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From: Greg Pallaske

Report: Barrier Hazard Committee

March 12, 2007

The first meeting of this committee was held on 3/2/07. Present for the meeting:

Mark Hepp	Donna Garren	Gary Coleman
Greg Pallaske	Lisa Borel	Roger Coffman
Doris Rittenmeyer (for Lacie Thrall)		Sandra Fabian
Susan Quam	Don Schaffner	Tom Schwarz

Absent:

Allisyn Leppla	Joseph Comello	Julie Coltrin
Michelle Sexton	Paul Allwood	Steven Goode

An agenda was distributed prior to the meeting. After a brief overview, committee members introduced themselves and explained their interest in latex and other barriers to direct hand contact. Lise Borel, co-chair, then provided a very thorough overview of the current “world” of gloves. A copy of her notes is attached.

The group wished to know what is the exact charge given from the CFP? Here it is:

“The Conference recommends the formation of a committee to work with the FDA to investigate the unintended allergenic and toxicological consequences of the use of barriers when handling RTE foods.”

By the end of this session, there were several takeaways:

- Determine and report on the availability of literature and scientific resources
- Explore and report on new alternatives to latex and petro-chemical gloves
- Define terms and establish nomenclature
- Determine ramifications of de-listing latex as an allowable food contact surface

I will be asking committee members to assist in these deliverables. Next meeting Friday April 13th.

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