

Title of committee: Blade Tenderization Committee (Council III CFP)

Date of report: March 13, 2009

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Committee charge:

The Conference recommends that the Blade Tenderization Committee guidance document “Guidelines on Injected and Mechanically Tenderized Beef Steak for Retail and Food Service Establishments” (see attached) be sent to this Blade Tenderization Committee for further review and comment and a revised document be reported back to CFP at the 2010 meeting.

Listing of committee members (including constituency and contact information):

Notes:

- **Bob Reinhard has assumed the role for Co-chair from Industry for Frank Ferko.**
- **Angela Benton has joined the committee bring the total membership to 24 (8 Industry – Food Stores, 4 industry – Food Service, 3 Industry – Food Processing, 3 Academia, 2 Regulatory – Local, 1 Regulatory – State, 2 USDA and one Other).**

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Progress report:

- **Committee meetings/Conference calls began in March.**
- **The Committee agreed a standing meeting will be established at 2:30 pm central time on second Thursday of each month.**
- **The Committee, without dissent, agree to separate the single guidance document into 2 separate guidance documents; 1-Blade Tenderization, 2-Mechanically Enhanced Products**
- **The Committee also agreed, without dissent, to place the background outbreak information in an appendix.**
- **The Committee is reviewing BIFSCo guidance on blade tenderization.**
- **The Committee is also requesting information from FSIS related to approved or accepted interventions in the treatment of sub-primal cuts either pre or post tenderization/enhancement.**

Requested Board (or other) actions:

- **Approval of committee membership.**

Recommendation(s) for future charge:

- **None at this time.**