

Ms. Janice D. Buchanan, Chair  
Conference for Food Protection  
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Dear Ms. Buchanan:

This is a report to the Conference for Food Protection's (CFP) Executive Board per the Conference Proceedings, Section IX, Number 4, that asks the FDA and the USDA to provide to the Conference, at least 6 months prior to the next CFP meeting, written responses that update how the Agencies have addressed the CFP recommendations from the previous Conference meeting. As you know, during the August 2005 Executive Board meeting, the Division of Cooperative Programs discussed with the Board several of the recommendations.

In addition to that discussion, it is with pleasure that I report that:

- 26 of the total 43 CFP recommendations from the 2004 meeting were addressed in the 2005 Food Code;
- 11 of the total 43 CFP recommendations have FDA engaged with CFP Committees to bring the Issues to resolution or for submission of an Issue to the 2006 Conference for deliberation; and
- 6 of the total 43 CFP recommendations are still in progress and we are engaged with either USDA or internal FDA work groups. Where applicable, progress reports are planned for presentation to the Executive Board during the Conference meeting in April 2006.

We are available to discuss with the CFP Executive Board our perspective about any of the Conference recommendations. I trust that this letter adequately responds to the intent of the Conference Proceedings and provides sufficient information about the status of our work to date. I look forward to continuing in our cooperative relationship with the Conference.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Joseph Baca  
Director  
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