

Conference for Food Protection – Committee Periodic Report

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COMMITTEE NAME: Committee on Consumer Food Purchase History for Outbreak Investigations (2018-I-027)

DATE OF REPORT: Initial fall progress report Spring progress report Second fall progress report

Date submitted: 8/13/2019

Date amended (if applicable): [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Date accepted by Executive Board: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Council I Council II Council III Executive Board

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Glenda Lewis, FDA consultant to the CFP Board

COMMITTEE CHARGE(S):

Issue # 2018-I-027

The Assembly of State Delegates at its meeting in Richmond, Virginia extracted Issue 2018-I-027 – “Amend Food Code – Obtaining Purchase Information during Outbreak Investigations” and rejected the Council’s recommendation for “No Action” on the Issue. As required by the CFP’s *Biennial Meeting/Conference Procedures Manual*, this Issue was referred to the Executive Board for further consideration. The Executive Board elected to form an ad hoc committee to further deliberate the Issue and provide a final recommendation at the August 2018 meeting of the Executive Board.

As directed, the ad hoc committee presented a report to the Board that summarized its activities and offered recommendations about the Issue. Following a discussion of the committee’s report and recommendation, a motion was passed by the Board that recommended sending a letter to FDA asking the agency to work with CDC, USDA-FSIS and CIFOR to explore the science, privacy issues and potential opportunities for including provisions in a future edition of the Food Code related to obtaining purchase information from various sources for case-patient customers to be used by agencies during the investigation of foodborne illness outbreaks.

COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AND TIMELINE:

FDA, CDC, USDA-FSIS and CIFOR work together to explore the science, privacy issues and potential opportunities for including provisions in a future edition of the Food Code related to obtaining purchase information from various sources for case-patient customers to be used by agencies during the investigation of foodborne illness outbreaks.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES: Dates of committee meetings or conference calls: May 13, 2019; July 15, 2019; August 5, 2019

- Overview of committee activities:** Three calls held to identify a strategy forward that includes options of either a Food Code language change; or a separate guidance document from this group; or a 2020 CFP Issue for the full Conference membership to weigh in on potential Food Code language.
- Charges COMPLETED and the rationale for each specific recommendation:**
 - In progress
- Status of charges still PENDING and activities yet to be completed:**
 - See response in 1. Overview of committee activities above in this section

COMMITTEE REQUESTED ACTION FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD: No requested action at this time

- The Committee is asking the Board for the Issue to stay and be decided by the EB to insert draft language directly into the Supplement to the 2017 Food Code, pending timing of its release, or in the next full edition of the Food Code in 2021. The sample draft language is attached and the committee would work with FDA, as needed, for input in developing final language to align with Code convention and placement.
- The Committee is asking the Board to approve the development of a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document to address stakeholder questions about consumer shopper information as a tool in foodborne illness investigation.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Content Documents:**
 - Committee Member Roster:** See changes noted above under “requested action” No changes to previously approved roster
“Committee Members Template” (Excel) available at: www.foodprotect.org/work/ Committee roster to be submitted as a PDF attachment to this report.
 - Committee Generated Content Documents (OPTIONAL):** No draft content documents submitted at this time

2. *Supporting Attachments (OPTIONAL):* *Not applicable*