

Conference for Food Protection – Committee Progress Report

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COMMITTEE NAME: Food Protection Manager Certification Committee

DATE OF REPORT: Initial fall progress report Spring progress report Second fall progress report
Date submitted: 09.11..2022 **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: Susan Quam and Justin Daniel

COMMITTEE CHARGE(S):

Issue # 2020 II-001

1. Food Protection Manager Certification Committee (FPMCC) is to carry out charges assigned via the Conference Issue process and from the Conference Executive Board relating to food protection manager certification and to adopt sound, uniform accreditation standards and procedures that are accepted by the Conference while ensuring that the conference Standards for Accreditation for Food Protection Manager Certification programs and the accreditation process are administered in a fair and responsible manner.
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Issue # 2020 II-004

1. The Food Protection Manager Certification Committee is to review the impact and feasibility of changing the frequency of required certification examination to a time period not to exceed four years from date of issuance, aligning knowledge demonstration by examination with the routine four-year update and publication of the FDA Retail Food Code.
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COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AND TIMELINE: It is anticipated that this Committee will meet regularly via virtual platform and, if possible, in-person.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

1. **Dates of committee meetings or conference calls:**

The following are our scheduled virtual meeting dates. All meetings are from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern time. All meetings have been virtual so far. We will NOT have a face to face meeting prior to the Biennial Meeting

December 1, 2021

February 2, 2022

April 6, 2022

June 1, 2022

August 3, 2022

October 5, 2022

December 7, 2022

2. **Overview of committee activities:**

The committee held its first meeting on December 1. Interim chair Hawley led the committee through an orientation session and reviewed the committee's charges. The committee elected Susan Quam and Justin Daniel as chair and vice chair respectively. Jeff Hawley was appointed chair of the Committee Bylaws workgroup and Kate Piche was appointed chair of the Standard workgroup. Volunteers for both groups were also recruited.

At the February 2 meeting, the committee reviewed Issue II-004 and identified potential impacts and feasibility issues related to changing the validity of certification from 5 years to 4 years. The Bylaw workgroup presented its recommended changes to the committee, which were approved and will be presented as an issue at the next Biennial Meeting.

The committee discussed each of the II-004 impacts/feasibility issues at its April 6 and June 1 meetings. After vetting all of the issues identified, the committee unanimously voted to keep the maximum time frame for Certified Food Protection Manager certifications to five years. The issue response was approved at the August 3 meeting and is attached.

The Standard workgroup has completed its initial review of the Standard and their recommendations will be considered at the

October 5 meeting. Following

3. Charges **COMPLETED** and the rationale for each specific recommendation:
 - a. II-001 – Standard updates are in process
 - b. II-004 – issue response is attached.
4. Status of charges still **PENDING** and activities yet to be completed:
 - a. 2020 II-001 Standard updates are in process. Bylaw updates have been completed and will be submitted as a separate issue
 - b.

COMMITTEE REQUESTED ACTION FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Board Action is NOT required and therefore the report can be placed on the consent calendar for Board review and acceptance.

X *Board Action is required for some provision(s) of this report and therefore a verbal report needs to be presented at the Board Meeting.*

1. *Roster has been updated to reflect change to one of the Exam Provider seats*
- 2.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. **Content Documents:**
 - a. **Committee Member Roster:** *xSee 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.
 - b. **Committee Generated Content Documents (OPTIONAL):** *X No draft content documents submitted at this time*
2. **Supporting Attachments (OPTIONAL):** *Issue II-004 response attached*

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Committee Name: FOOD PROTECTION MANAGER CERTIFICATION revised 09.11.2022

Last Name	First Name	Position	Vote / Non-vote	Constituency	Employer	City	State	Telephone	Email
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Notes

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FPMCC Response to 2020 II-004, approved August 3, 2022

Issue 2020 II-004

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Public Health Significance

The FPMCC committee thoroughly reviewed the impact and feasibility of reducing the maximum to four years and concluded that no change to the current maximum of five years for certification validity is warranted. The committee met four times to discuss the pros and cons of reducing the period to four years and found the negative impact a change would have on the industry, and jurisdictions where CFPMs are mandated, to be significant. These impacts included:

- 1. The Standard currently allows Certification Providers to issue certifications for less than five years if the Provider chooses to.*
- 2. Certification Providers must justify to the Accreditation Body that its recertification period is developed using criteria based on changes in regulatory requirements, ongoing changes in technology, information from stakeholders and interested bodies, and other changes associated with scheme requirements.*
- 3. Staff shortages within the Food Industry coupled with the increased expense associated with maintaining certification for retail food facilities may place an undue burden on food establishment owners/operators.*
- 4. Insufficient evidence exists that more frequent Food Manager Certification renewals would lead to fewer food borne illness outbreaks or improved public health outcomes.*
- 5. Given the delay in FDA model Food Code adoption by State/Territorial/Local jurisdictions as well as the time necessary to modify course materials and examinations, decreasing the recertification timeframe to four years may not add a tangible benefit.*

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...

no change to the frequency of required certification examination from the current maximum of five years.