

**Conference for Food Protection  
2016 Issue Form**

**Issue: 2016 II-003**

**Council Recommendation:** Accepted as Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted as Amended \_\_\_\_\_ No Action \_\_\_\_\_

**Delegate Action:** Accepted \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

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**Issue History:**

This is a brand new Issue.

**Title:**

Re-create - Demonstration of Knowledge (DoK) Committee

**Issue you would like the Conference to consider:**

The Conference for Food Protection (CFP) Demonstration of Knowledge Committee (DoK) requests that the committee be re-created to continue evaluation of the methods of demonstrating knowledge found in the 2013 FDA Food Code Section 2-102.11.

**Public Health Significance:**

Demonstration of knowledge is identified as one of the five key public health interventions to protect consumer health. The designated person in charge who is knowledgeable about foodborne disease prevention, Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) principles, and Code requirements is prepared to recognize conditions that may contribute to foodborne illness or that otherwise fail to comply with Code requirements, and to take appropriate preventive and corrective actions. A dialogue with the person in charge during the inspection process will also reveal whether or not that person is enabled by a clear understanding of the Code and its public health principles to follow sound food safety practices and to produce foods that are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and accurately represented.

**Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:**

the Demonstration of Knowledge (DoK) Committee be re-created following the 2016 CFP Biennial Meeting to continue work originally assigned in Issue 2014-II-016 with the following charges:

1. Identify and evaluate the pros and cons of *Alternative Methods to Demonstrating Knowledge*, a document created by the 2014-2016 DoK Committee (Attachment VI to the DoK Committee Report). Although not limited to the following areas, the committee will assess the pros and cons of each alternative method in light of the following areas:
  - a) Differentiation between knowledge and application

- b) Emphasis on risk factors
  - c) Ease of uniform assessment by regulators and industry
  - d) Enabling the Person in Charge to demonstrate knowledge even when there is a language barrier
  - e) What corrective action should be taken when there is not a demonstration of knowledge from the Person in Charge
2. Recommend alternative methods of demonstrating knowledge as new or amended Food Code language.
  3. Report back committee outcomes and recommendations to the 2018 CFP Biennial Meeting.

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