

**Conference for Food Protection
2016 Issue Form**

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Issue History:

This is a brand new Issue.

Title:

Amend VNRFRPS – Standard 4 – Uniform Inspection Program (Part 2)

Issue you would like the Conference to consider:

Amend the FDA Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (VNRFRPS) No. 4 - Uniform Inspection Program to reflect recommendations from the 2012 CFP Uniform Inspection Program Audit Pilot Project Report.

The Pilot Project Report is attached to the "Part 1" Issue on this topic; Issue titled: Amend VNRFRPS - Standard 4 - Uniform Inspection Program (Part 1)

*The report is also currently posted on the CFP website at:
<http://www.foodprotect.org/media/guide/uniform-inspection-program-audit-pilot-project-report.pdf>*

Public Health Significance:

The 2012 CFP Uniform Inspection Audit Pilot Project Report evaluated the Uniform Inspection Program process and audit worksheet as tools for conducting the quality assurance evaluations in Program Standard No. 4.

Implementing the following changes will address some of the recommendations provided in the Pilot Project Report, while also providing greater flexibility, improved program quality assessment, and greater consistency between Program Standards No. 2 and No. 4:

1. Clarify that jurisdictions may assess additional performance elements as part of their field assessment process. However, for the purposes of achieving conformance with the Standard, only the performance elements specified in the Standard will be used to assess conformance with the Standard.
2. Clarify that the assessment of the performance elements is not an all-or-nothing approach. (For instance, someone that misses one risk factor out of 10 risk factors during a field assessment may still achieve an acceptable level of performance/uniformity on a particular performance element.)

3. Clarify that enrolled jurisdictions may wish to create a field assessment tool that includes specific comments and feedback for the individual food safety inspection officer.
4. Clarify how establishments should be selected for the field assessment process.
5. Provide specific guidance about the file review process.
6. Clarify who should conduct the field assessment and associated file review.

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

that a letter be sent to the FDA requesting that the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (VNRFRPS), Program Standard No. 4 - Self-Assessment Instructions and Worksheet, be amended to reflect the changes shown in "Attachment A - Instructions and Worksheet for Conducting a Self-Assessment" (language to be added is underlined; language to be deleted is in strikethrough format).

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Content Documents:

- "Attachment A-Proposed Amendments for PS No.4-SelfAssessmentInstr.Worksheet"

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