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Issue History:

This is a brand new Issue.

Title:

Update the definition of Vending Machines

Issue you would like the Conference to consider:

New payment transaction technology is available whereby products can be dispensed by a vending machine upon completion of a digital transaction. The current definition for "Vending Machines" in the 2013 FDA Food Code section 102.10 (B) needs an update to remain current.

Public Health Significance:

Old-fashioned coin and currency based vending transactions are being replaced with "smart" digital transactions. Safety and convenience conscious consumers are often "cashless" and rely upon new technology for their purchase of goods including food and beverage. Revising the definition to include new payment technologies will reduce confusion as to its acceptability.

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

a letter be sent to the FDA requesting the 2013 Food Code be amended as follows (language to be added is underlined):

Section 1 201.10

"Vending machine" means a self-service device that, upon insertion of a coin, paper currency, token, card, or key, or upon completion of a digital transaction or by optional manual operation, dispenses unit servings of FOOD in bulk or in packages without the necessity of replenishing the device between each vending operation.

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