

**Conference for Food Protection
2018 Issue Form**

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Issue History:

This is a brand new Issue.

Title:

Creation of a Retail Food Regulatory Program Alliance

Issue you would like the Conference to consider:

Creation of a "Retail Food Regulatory Program Alliance," similar to the Manufactured Foods Regulatory Program Alliance, will provide an opportunity for increased collaboration.

The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) passed a resolution in 2017 calling for the creation of such an Alliance; a parallel resolution will be presented to the Assembly of State Delegates at the 2018 Biennial Meeting of the Conference for Food Protection.

Public Health Significance:

The Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (Standards) have long been recognized as a tool for a regulatory jurisdiction to measure continuous quality improvement. As of January 2017, 825 regulatory jurisdictions have enrolled in the Standards and the number is expected to increase. With growth comes the need to enhance collaboration between enrolled jurisdictions. The creation of a Retail Alliance will allow for increased collaboration and provide a forum for enrolled jurisdictions to compare results and lessons learned specific to the Standards.

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

The Conference recommends that a letter be sent to FDA asking recognition and support of a "Retail Food Regulatory Program Alliance," and provide funding for the development of this Alliance to assure it meets the objective of advancing conformance with the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards.

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