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COMMITTEE NAME: Safe Use of Re-Usable Containers Committee

DATE OF REPORT: *Initial fall progress report* *Spring progress report* *Second fall progress report*

Date submitted: 10/5/2021

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: Dagny Tucker and Carrie Pohjola, Co-chairs

COMMITTEE CHARGE(S):

Issue # 2020 I-024 (combined with 2020 I-022 and 2020 I-023)

1. Clarify the scenarios related to reusable containers within the scope of regulation
2. Identify and analyze the scientific and other literature related to consumer-owned containers at retail.
3. Draft recommended guidance around scenarios identified in the issue and create a definition of reusable container.
4. Provide recommended code language changes, if necessary, to the FDA
5. Report progress back to the next Biennial Meeting in 2023 and the committee findings and recommendations may be presented at the subsequent Biennial Meeting if necessary.

COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AND TIMELINE:

Committee work plan and timelines will be developed once the committee roster is reviewed and approved by the Executive Board.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

1. Dates of committee meetings or conference calls:

10/4/2021- Co-Chairs (Tucker and Pohjola) met virtually to discuss the roster selection that was then submitted to Council III Chair and Vice Chair for review. Once the roster is approved, scheduled meetings will be held bi-weekly until progress is being made and frequency of meetings will then be discussed with the committee members.

2. Overview of committee activities:

Roster selection has been made and submitted.

3. Charges COMPLETED and the rationale for each specific recommendation:

- a. No charges have been completed.

4. Status of charges still PENDING and activities yet to be completed:

- a. All charges pending

COMMITTEE REQUESTED ACTION FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Approval of submitted roster for committee

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

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Content Documents:

- a. **Committee Member Roster:** **See 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):** **No draft content documents submitted at this time**

2. Supporting Attachments (OPTIONAL): **Not applicable**