

**Conference for Food Protection 2004-2006**  
**Executive Board Meeting Committee Update - Allergen Committee Report**

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**Allergen Committee Charge:**

The Conference further recommends that a 2004 Conference for Food Protection Food Allergen Committee be established to provide recommendations to the Conference of Food Protection that will then be forwarded to the FDA concerning allergens in retail and food service facilities (including but not limited to) for:

1. The development of state and local training programs
  2. The development of food allergen information and resource sheets that can be used by industry, regulatory officials and consumers
  3. Outreach activities regarding food allergen awareness, including reporting procedures (CFSAN adverse events reporting system and/or other mechanisms)
- The committee would also be charged with presenting its findings in the form of an issue at the 2006 Conference for Food Protection for possible changes in FDA Food Code.

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## **Progress Report/Committee Activities:**



The Committee held conference call meetings on October 26, 2004, February 8, 2005, and May 25, 2005. Committee discussion revolved around improving common messages for consumer education and employee training, including development of one or more posters that would be: (1) free, (2) easily downloadable from the internet, and (3) in both English and Spanish.