

Conference for Food Protection Executive Board Meeting Committee Report

This report must be submitted to your Council Chair for review so that it can be approved and submitted to the Executive Board via the Executive Director 30 days before each Executive Board Meeting (held in April and August of each year). The report must be accompanied by an updated committee roster on the Excel spreadsheet provided (Committee Members Template) located here: <http://www.foodprotect.org/work/>.

COMMITTEE NAME: 2010-12 Hand Hygiene Committee

COUNCIL (I, II, or III): III

DATE OF REPORT: July 26, 2010

SUBMITTED BY: Katherine MJ Swanson, Co-Chair

COMMITTEE CHARGE(S):

"The Conference recommends that a committee be formed to include appropriate stakeholders including Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), CDC and Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) to address:

1. the efficacy/risk reduction strategies of alternative hand hygiene regimes compared to handwashing with respect to foodborne pathogens including viruses,
2. identify settings where alternatives to handwashing are appropriate and report back to the 2012 Conference."

REQUESTED ACTION BY BOARD (If Applicable):

- Approve the attached Committee Roster.
- Provide advice regarding if alternates need to be listed on the roster
- Verify that advisors (e.g., CDER representatives) do not necessarily need to be CFP members.

PROGRESS REPORT / COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES WITH ACTIVITY DATES:

<i>July 2, 2010</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sent introductory letter and survey to all committee members, asking them to confirm continued interest in the committee and asking members from the same organization to choose a primary member. Also provided document of Food Code provisions related to hand hygiene.
<i>July 12, 2010</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other members will serve as an alternate or will be kept informed of committee activities.
<i>July 20, 2010</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow-up email sent to non-responding committee members asking for confirmation.• Two conference calls were conducted because the size of the group was too large to be accommodated by one call. Academic and government participants (including representatives from CDER) were on the first call, and industry was on the second call.• Reviewed the survey response (attached) by constituency group, sharing the same information to both groups. The survey provides information on the most important provisions of the Food Code that may need to be addressed through the work of the committee. It was emphasized that not all hand hygiene related provisions are necessarily related to the change and the Committee is to address only the charge.• Based on input from the two calls, three cross-constituency sub-committees will be formed to address the following topics:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Clearly documenting the regulatory status of hand hygiene products.2. Investigating behavioral aspects and the potential public health benefit of changes to the food code.3. Scientific review of the literature and data related to effectiveness and risk reduction of hand hygiene regimes.
<i>July 26, 2010</i>	Minutes from the calls are being drafted, and a survey requesting committee assignment will be made for continued work.

Attachments: Survey results summary.
Committee roster