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**COMMITTEE NAME:** Disinfection of Food Contact Surfaces

**DATE OF REPORT:**  *Initial fall progress report*     *Spring progress report*     *Second fall progress report*  
**Date submitted:** 3/10/2022                      **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:** Dale Grinstead and Anna Starobin

**COMMITTEE CHARGE(S):**

**Issue #** 2020 III-035

1. Review current regulations related to disinfectant use.
2. Develop a guidance document for posting on the CFP website for use by retail food facility operators (chain and independent operators), food safety trainers, and regulators to explain the appropriate use of disinfectants on food-contact surfaces in a retail food facility. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Why to use, including an explanation of the difference between sanitization and disinfection.
  - b. When to use to treat a surface exposed to viruses (e.g., vomiting and diarrheal events, foodborne illness outbreaks, COVID-19 illness(es)).
  - c. What to use (e.g., EPA-registered products).
  - d. How to use (e.g., in accordance with EPA-registered label use instructions).
  - e. Recommended protocols for clean-up of vomiting and diarrheal events as specified in FDA Food Code section 2-501.11.
  - f. List of existing resources, such as federal agency guidance documents, federal regulations (referencing specific, applicable sections), and other publicly available resources to prevent information duplication or contradiction.
3. Consider recommending changes to the FDA Food Code to clarify the use of disinfectants in retail food facilities on food-contact surfaces.
4. Report progress back to the next Biennial Meeting in 2023 and the committee findings and recommendations may be presented at subsequent Biennial Meetings if necessary.

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**COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AND TIMELINE:** Task timeline is:

Task	First draft due	Final Draft due
Guidance document	July 1 2022	TBD
Recommended changes to the Food Code	October 1, 2022	TBD
Issues from the committee	November 1, 2022	TBD

The committee has been focused on guidance document as that has the earliest due date and is expected to be the task that requires the most effort. The scope and outline of the guidance document was finalized in early January 2022. The subcommittees were formed, and subcommittee leads were assigned to work on various sections of the guidance and a due date for each of the sections was set at March 14<sup>th</sup> 2022. Each subcommittee has been responsible for setting calls and meetings as the subcommittee sees fit. The committee as a whole has a call every 2 weeks and on that call each subcommittee lead gives an update on the progress of that subcommittee and requests any additional support that subcommittee may require.

**COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:**

1. **Dates of committee meetings or conference calls:** Biweekly calls were held starting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Call dates were, November 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup> (December 22<sup>nd</sup> call was canceled due to the holidays), January 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, and March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Multiple calls have been held by the various subcommittees starting in January.
2. **Overview of committee activities:** The subcommittees have all been making good progress on drafts of their sections of the guidance. Each subcommittee has either already submitted the draft of their section or is

on target to deliver their drafts by the March 14<sup>th</sup> deadline. This will give us a first draft of about 90% of the full guidance (references and definitions sections will be prepared near the end of the guidance preparation as the contents of those sections depend on the contents of the rest of the document) by mid to late March. This is 3 months in advance of the target date of July 1 for a first draft. As an aside, the efficiency and work from the entire committee has been extraordinary. Everyone on the committee has been serving on the subcommittees and everyone has been actively involved in the work. Special commendation must be made of our EPA and FDA partners who have been serving on several of the subcommittees. The co-chairs have both been very impressed with the excellent level of participation and commitment that we are seeing from all members of this committee. We are very excited to have an opportunity to work with CDC and discuss the areas of the CDC website where some changes could be recommended in order to align CDC, FDA and EPA recommendations.

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

- a.
- b.

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

- a. All charges still pending

**COMMITTEE REQUESTED ACTION FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

- 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.**
  - 1. Katie Leach from Stop and Shop a new non-voting alternate member was added; She had been assigned to the wrong committee initially. Carol Culbert has retired; her constituency has changed from regulatory to emeritus.
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  - 3.

**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/](http://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