

Proposal Subject:	ISSC Policy Statement on the “Consumption of Raw Oysters”
Specific NSSP Guide Reference:	Section VI. NSSP Policy Setting Documents, ISSC Policy Statement, Paragraph 3
Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	<p>“Certain medically compromised individuals are at increased risk from common marine bacteria that are unrelated to pollution. Therefore, it may not be possible to address this risk through environmental controls. Although the reported number of illnesses and fatalities from these bacteria in the United States each year is small in comparison with other food borne illnesses, <u>shellfish that have been processed to reduce the levels of all pathogens of public health concern to safe levels can be eaten by the at-risk population or the at-risk population should eat molluscan shellfish fully cooked or,</u> total abstinence from raw molluscan shellfish is the best advice for medically compromised.”</p>
Public Health Significance:	<p>This new ISSC policy setting language for the consumption of raw oysters will confirm the use of the labeling allowed for PHP shellfish listed in Chapter XVI. This new policy statement language will show the ISSC supports PHPs and that medically compromised individuals can choose safer post harvest processed shellfish rather than consume other raw shellfish that has not undergone a PHP and/or eat shellfish fully cooked.</p>
Cost Information (if available):	None
Action by 2005 Task Force III	Recommended referral of Proposal 05-308 to an appropriate committee as determined by the Conference Chairperson to investigate the possibility of a change to the ISSC Policy Statement on the Consumption of Raw Molluscan Shellfish.
Action by 2005 General Assembly	Adopted recommendation of 2005 Task Force III.
Action by USFDA	Concurred with Conference action.
Action by 2007 Executive Board	Executive Board directed the Executive Director to discuss the ISSC Consumption Policy with the FDA. These discussions were not productive in identifying meaningful language for incorporating changes to the Policy Statement.
Action by 2007 Task Force III	Recommended no action on the proposed changes to the ISSC Policy Statement on the Consumption of Raw Molluscan Shellfish but, recommends the Executive Board continue to pursue ways to acknowledge Post Harvest Processing in the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.
Action by 2007 General Assembly	Adopted recommendation of 2007 Task Force III.
Action by USFDA	December 20, 2007 Concurred with Conference action.
Action by 2009 ISSC Executive Board	The Executive Board has concluded that it is inappropriate to consider changes to the ISSC Policy Statement on the Consumption of Raw Molluscan Shellfish until the future of PHP is more clearly defined.

**Action by 2009
Task Force III**

Recommended no action on Proposal 05-308.

Rationale: The Conference is in a state of transition regarding PHP approval and it is inappropriate at this time to consider changes to the policy.

**Action by 2009
General Assembly**

Adopted recommendation of 2009 Task Force III on Proposal 05-308.

**Action by USFDA
02/16/2010**

Concurred with Conference action on Proposal 05-308.