

**ISSC 2013 Biennial Meeting
January 25 – January 31, 2014–San Antonio, Texas
Committee Report**

Committee Name : Post-Harvest Processing
Chairperson: Angela Ruple
Date of Meeting: 01/27/2014 Approved By: Angela Ruple
Recorder: Erin Butler

Committee Members Present:

Angela Ruple	Erin Butler	Austin Doctor
Steve Fleetwood	Lori Howell	Jim Bloom
Bill Dewey	Steve Murphey	Joseph Murphy
Chris Nelsom	Rick Porso	Kimberly Reece
Debra Scoville	John Tesvich	Robert Webb
Kirk Wiles	Gary Wolf	Paul Distefano
John Veazey		

Committee Members Absent:

Bill Mahan	Bruce Chamberlain	Ruzdi Halili
Rachel Hartnell	Debbie Rouse	

Charges

Charge 1: 09-231 Post Harvest Handling Definition and New Model Ordinance Chapter

Findings:

The committee divided the charge into the following actions:

1. Review the proposed new definition and chapter for Post Harvest Handling in relation to the current Chapter XVI and definition of PHP. The committee found no need for this new information.
2. Establish validation protocols for activities that reduce levels of naturally occurring pathogens so that a dealer can work outside of the Authority's Vibrio Management Plan. The committee determined that the intent was not to work outside of the Vibrio Management Plan, but to provide an equivalent level of protection to the Vibrio Management Plan Controls.
3. Ensure that the chapter requirements and definition of PHP are consistent.

Conclusions:

- 1..The committee did not feel the proposed new definition and new chapter were needed.
- 2.The committee determined that validation protocols could not be developed until target levels were established for pathogen reduction processes.
3. The committee determined there was a need to look at other methods for pathogen reduction without labeling claims to be consistent with the definition of PHP.

Recommendations:

1. No action on proposal 09-231 as written.

2. Change the title of Model Ordinance Chapter XVI, Post Harvest Processing to "Processes and Procedures for Pathogen Reduction" in order to include pathogen reduction processes that are not associated with labeling claims, which was the intent of Proposal 09-231.
3. Add a new section to the newly titled Chapter XVI (Recommendation 2) to be titled "Pathogen Reduction Processes that are not Associated with Labeling Claims."
4. The committee recommends that a work group be established to develop language for the new section of Chapter XVI and report the findings to the appropriate committee as determined by the Conference Chairman. It is further recommended that the work group meet quarterly until the new section is complete so that it can be submitted as a proposal at the next ISSC meeting.
5. Request the Conference Chairman to appoint an appropriate work group or committee to work with FDA to establish target levels for pathogen reduction processes that do not require labeling that will achieve the required risk reduction goals. (The intent of the committee is to use the information developed by this workgroup to determine if additional validation protocols are needed.)

Additional Information:

Recommendation 5 should be done as soon as possible to allow validation protocols to be developed as necessary.