Task Group on Display Refrigeration  
Teleconference Meeting Summary  
July 1, 2014

Participating Members:  
Larry Howington (ARI/CRMD)  
Bill Sickles (InterMetro Industries Corp)  
Tony Gagliardi (consultant – public health)  
Mike Kohler (NSF International)  
Dipak Negandhi (Manitowoc Ice, Inc.)

Absent Members:  
Nick Snyder (Randell Manufacturing)  
Jon Murray (Structural Concepts Corporation)  
Joseph Sanders (Traulsen & Co)

Participating observers:  
Al Rose (NSF International)  
Cheryl Appell (Manitowoc Foodservice)  
Victor Anderson (Structural Concepts Corporation)  
Jonathan Brania (UL)  
Sara Burton-Zick (DuPage County Health Dept.)  
Roger Coffman (Lake County Health Dept.)  
Paul Klouse (Southern Nevada Health District)  
Mary Dane (Taylor Co.)  
Girvin Liggans (Food and Drug Administration)  
James Petersen (C.i.i. Food Service Design)  
John Scanlon (Hatco Corp.)  
Anthony Carotenuto (Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center)

Supplemental Materials Referenced  
1) 7i12r1 - Labeling for Unattended Display Refrigerators - Straw Ballot.pdf  
2) 7i12r1 - Labeling for Unattended Display Refrigerators - Straw Ballot Description.pdf

Discussion

T.Gagliardi welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. A.Rose read the anti-trust statement and took attendance. Five of the 8 voting members were present (63%) representing a quorum.

A.Rose read the call for membership. The Joint Committee on Food Equipment is currently looking for members in the User category. Please refer interested parties to the Joint Committee Chair or Secretariat, then turned the meeting over to T.Gagliardi.

T.Gagliardi thanked everyone for calling in. Confirmed that the group has discussed all the comments from initial ballot and added there is one more item to cover and that is to go over the wording and straw ballot results of the language written by D.Negandhi and M.Kohler regarding labeling.

T.Gagliardi read off the new language for 9.13.4.

9.13.4 Time/temperature controlled closed display refrigerators or freezers with an automatic door lock intended for installation in unattended operations shall have a permanently attached label that states “Evaluated and tested for unattended location operations per NSF/ANSI Standard 7”. The label shall be clearly visible to the user after installation of the equipment.
T. Gagliardi then opened the floor for comments.

W. Sickles asked the group if the user intended in the language is the operator of the facility, not the person trying to access the food. D. Negandhi confirmed this means anyone in front of the unit. The main reason this language was there, was for regulators. T. Gagliardi added this is an all inclusive list for anybody to see.

T. Gagliardi asked D. Negandhi and M. Kohler: in the first sentence the term “unattended operations” is used and in the second sentence the term in “unattended location operations”; is there a reason this word was left out? T. Gagliardi further added that he felt the extra word added clarity. M. Kohler confirmed this wasn’t intended to be removed from the second sentence; likely just a type-o.

T. Gagliardi motioned: add “location” to the first sentence, such that it is the same as the second sentence.

Second: D. Negandhi
Discussion: None
Vote: All in favor
Motion: Carries

Action item: Change to be made prior to sending to Joint Committee Ballot

T. Gagliardi asked the group whether there were any other questions or comments.
S. Burton-Zick asked if there is a specified definition of the word “visible”. Further, is there a size standard for the label or font. M. Kohler said no; there is intentional flexibility for the manufacturer. Could be on the outside, the inside, etc. the intent of the standard is to assure the label is visible from the front and readable. He confirmed there have been rare times when manufacturers have been cited for too small of font size.

G. Liggans asked about the term “unattended location operations”, specifically for the group to clarify again what that term means. Will this word be well understood by regulators? We want to be comfortable that everything is defined properly. D. Negandhi agreed this was a good point and that maybe this group should define that term, to which M. Kohler added this would be good to add to the glossary. D. Negandhi asked if this should only be in standard 7 or into standard 170. M. Kohler confirmed it can be standard specific, but the idea is to only define terms within the body of the particular standard. D. Negandhi asked which is more critical: the term “unattended locations” or “Micro-markets” to which M. Kohler said we’re not currently proposing the use of the term micro-market in the standard, so we should define the term “unattended locations”.

M. Kohler asked G. Liggans if the FDA is planning to develop a definition for the food code. G. Liggans confirmed there has been some discussion, but nothing is there yet. Some questions linger about this equipment. J. Brania confirmed he downloaded a copy of the food code and neither word exists (attended or unattended). T. Gagliardi then asked D. Negandhi and M. Kohler to come up with a definition.

Action item: D. Negandhi and M. Kohler to develop language and share with group
G.Liggans confirmed that “unattended food merchandising operations” is the term that has been recommended as the term to be discussed at the FDA. This of course could change, but it would be nice to have the same terms used in this standard. T.Gagliardi asked D.Negandhi how the Ohio Food Code uses the term. D.Negandhi confirmed they used the term micro-market and he read off the excerpt from the code. G.Liggans added the defined terms of micro-markets from the state of Indiana.

T.Gagliardi suggested to D.Negandhi and M.Kohler to think about adding the food merchandising term supplied by G.Liggans. It adds some clarity without adding restriction. The group can then reconsider once the straw ballot is sent out.

T.Gagliardi then asked the group if there was anything else.

P.Klouse asked if this definition will include vending machines. G.Liggans said this definition should be separate as vending machines are already strictly defined. P.Klouse said this issue has arisen in Las Vegas. The machines are used at specific work locations, not open to the public and are on the honor system. Different jurisdictions are handling this differently and looking how these standards will apply. M.Kohler confirmed the principle is the same, but vending machines are another standard entirely.

T.Gagliardi asked the group if there was anything else to which there was nothing; he thanked the group and adjourned the meeting.

**Action Items**

1) Change to be made in language prior to sending to Joint Committee Ballot
2) D.Negandhi and M.Kohler to develop language and share with group