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Joint Committee Issue Paper

NSF Standard(s) Impacted: Standard 2

Background:
Provide a brief background statement indicating the cause and nature of concern, the impacts identified relevant to public health, public understanding, etc, and any other reason why the issue should be considered by the Committee. Reference as appropriate any specific section(s) of the standard(s) that are related to the issue.

Issue paper FE-2018-18 highlighted the need for updating the definition for the term dinnerware. The issue proponent notes that both the FDA Model Food Code and NSF Protocol 392 use the generic term tableware when referring to eating and drinking utensils. The proponent presented the issue to the JCFE during its August 2018 annual meeting. Following discussion, the JCFE referred the issue paper to the task group on food equipment fabrication (TG).

After detailed discussions in two TG meetings (December 4, 2018 and February 5, 2019) and three straw ballots, a ballot containing revised language was submitted to the JCFE for approval. Although the ballot received a unanimously affirmative vote, one member suggested retaining the term Dinnerware with the notation “See Tableware”. Since Dinnerware has been used in NSF International food equipment standards for nearly 50 years, many manufacturers use this term in company literature. See reference document 17025r3 - Dinnerware vs Tableware – COMMENTS for details.

This language was successfully balloted into Standard 170 – Food Equipment Glossary.

The prior issue paper however, did not include a recommendation for replacing the term Dinnerware with Tableware within Standard 2. Although the TG discussed this as part of the process of creating the new definition, this new issue paper is being submitted for official policy and tracking purposes.

Recommendation:
Clearly state what action is needed: e.g., recommended changes to the standard(s) including the current text of the relevant section(s) indicating deletions by use of strike-out highlighting or underlining; e.g., reference of the issue to a Task Group for detailed consideration; etc.

Replace the term "dinnerware" with "tableware" throughout NSF/ANSI 2

1 General

1.2 Scope

Equipment covered by this Standard includes, but is not limited to, bakery, cafeteria, kitchen, and pantry units and other food handling and processing equipment such as tables and components, counters, dinnerware, tableware, hoods, shelves, and sinks.
5 Design and construction

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5.61 Identification mark

Dinnerware Tableware products shall have a permanent marking or an identification plate that denotes the manufacturer's name and product model number. If the manufacturer has more than one production location for the dinnerware Tableware product, then the production location shall be identified on the marking or identification plate.

Rationale: now that that definition for Dinnerware has been replaced with Tableware win Standard 170, the logical next step is to replace the use of the term Dinnerware with Tableware in Standard 2.

Supplementary Materials (photographs, diagrams, reports, etc.):
If not provided electronically, the submitter will be responsible to have sufficient copies to distribute to committee members.

Included in this issue paper are the previous issue paper, TG meeting summaries and Ballot for the approval of the term change in Standard 170

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