TO: NSF Technical Committee on Food Equipment
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FROM: Michael Halko, Chairperson of the Technical Committee

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SUBJECT: Proposed revisions to NSF/ANSI 2 – Food Equipment (2i33r1)

Revision 1 of NSF/ANSI 2, issue 33 is presented to the Technical Committee on Food Equipment for consideration. Please review the changes proposed to this standard and submit your ballot by August 7, 2019 via the NSF Online Workspace at <www.standards.nsf.org>.

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Purpose
This ballot is to affirm the proposed revised language for the term ‘Dinnerware’ in sections 1 and 5 of Standard 2.

Background
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 170i25r3 - Dinnerware vs Tableware – COMMENTS for details.

This language was successfully balloted into Standard 170 – Food Equipment Glossary, earlier this year. This companion ballot is to change the terminology from dinnerware to tableware in sections 1.2 and 5.61 of Standard 2 and is now presented for your consideration.
If you have any questions about the technical content of the ballot, you may contact me in care of:

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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

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 in Standard 170, the logical next step is to replace the use of the term Dinnerware with Tableware in Standard 2.