



5 January 2008

To: Task Group on Food Shields

From: Michael Perez

Re: Negative Ballot on NSF/ANSI 2 – Food equipment (2i4r10)

Gary Maxon submitted a negative ballot on draft 10 with the following comments:

I am voting 'No' for the same reason as originally submitted on 2/20/07, which in my opinion, is lack of user feedback and users being included on this task group.

In addition to this reason, I don't believe the end shield requirement in 5.35.6 is realistic, with the many adjustments in height and breath guards (as emailed to Michael P. on 10/30/07).

Last of all, I believe the reduction in vertical distance from 14' to 13', and increase from 7' to 9.75', as required in 5.35.7.1 and 5.35.7.2, are going to restrict the user's access and flexibility in manufacturing.

The first issue offered by Gary refers to a comment attached to a negative ballot on draft 8 in February 2008. The comment is as follows:

My primary concern is that I don't believe that we have enough user feedback on the application of food shields, specifically in elementary school applications. As a manufacturer, we can build to these new and revised standards, but our customers will turn to other manufacturer's who are willing to avoid the NSF standard and who's public health departments choose not to adopt these new standards.

Knowing the difficulties our customers have when working toward a design that meets the current NSF Standards and still having the design meet their application, I can not support a change that tightens the guidelines and further limits the use of our equipment, without having data showing that a wide range of users and public health departments support and will adopt this change.

Following task group consideration and discussion, this negative ballot was adjudicated by vote of the Joint Committee in Food Equipment in April 2007.

A copy of the October 30, 2007 e-mail to which Gary refers in the second comment is attached.

The options we have are:

1. Reconvene the task group for discussion and consideration of each of the three issues submitted by Gary with his negative ballot; or
2. Submit issues two and three to the Joint Committee on Food Equipment for adjudication. Since issue one has previously be adjudicated, it is my understanding that a second adjudication vote on it is not required.

Please e-mail your preference to me (michael.perez@electrolux.com) with a copy to Lorna (Badman@nsf.org).