

**Task Group on Food Equipment Fabrication**  
**2i26r1 Straw Ballot**  
**October 17, 2017**

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**Purpose**

This ballot is to affirm updated language regarding the Scope of Standard 2.

**Background**

Issue paper FE-2015-6 highlighted the need for further discussion/action regarding the withdrawal of Standard 36 on Dinnerware, and these product's incorporation into Standard 2 on Food Equipment. During its August 2017 annual meeting, the JCFE reviewed the issue paper and a history of Standard 36 was presented in detail. An excerpt of this discussion is presented here for clarification (additional detail in reference document):

*M.Kohler is the TG chair, and provided a detailed update, explaining the origin of the dinnerware TG, and the work accomplished to deal with Standard 36. He confirmed the types of products in this Standard are primarily made with plastic materials. The manufacturers of these products were invited into the TG membership and explained that they have other similar finished products that are not covered in Standard 36 but rather in Standard 2, and there are no issues, and so they question 'why do we need the Dinnerware Standard'*

*After a couple of teleconferences, the TG agreed that everything needed is already located in Standard 2, and thus decided to withdraw the Standard via JCFE ballot. The result was one negative vote with comment, and a few other comments one with an accompanying issue paper. The bottom line here is that nobody disagrees that Standard 36 should NOT be withdrawn, they simply want to make certain that everything is indeed covered in Standard 2 first prior to the withdraw.*

*M.Kohler then spoke to the new issue paper from J.Brady specifying sections and language to consider, confirming that these topics were discussed at the 36 TG, and deemed as not necessary because Standard 2 is a broad scoped Standard.*

*He also listed the comments received from M.Perez regarding the NSF mark as well as the section on cleanability. M.Kohler confirmed that topic of cleanability goes back many years, prior to the 1997 publication where there was a requirement that anything not made of Stainless Steel must be cleanable. Thus, anything plastic had to go through this test. The standard was subsequently modified from the previous definition of smooth which was a "Stainless Steel Equivalent", to how it reads today:*

**3.196 smooth:** *Free of pits, pinholes, cracks, crevices, inclusions, rough edges, and other surface imperfections detectable by visual and tactile inspection.*

*M.Kohler then briefly spoke to the one negative vote from J.Leonard regarding the withdrawal of Standard 36, and to the limitations of the cleanability test.*

At the end of the discussion, the issue paper was motioned to the Food Equipment Fabrication TG for further detailed work alongside the negative comment.

The Task Group met on October 3, 2017 and discussed all the aspects of what it would take for Standard 36 to be covered by Standard 2. In the end, the group decided everything was already covered in Standard 2, but the addition of the word "dinnerware" to the scope would add clarity to future users.

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This Revision 1 ballot represents the end language of the scope statement proposed by the Task Group.

An **affirmative (yes) vote** on this straw ballot means you agree with the revised language as submitted.

A **negative (no) vote** on this straw ballot means you disagree with the revised language as submitted. A negative vote must include an explanation of why you disagree with the revised draft.

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[Note – the changes are illustrated below using ~~strikeout~~ for proposed removal of existing text and grey highlights to indicate the proposed revised text. ONLY the highlighted text and strikeout text is within the scope of this ballot. Rationale Statements are in RED and only used to add clarity; these statements will NOT be in the finished publication]

## NSF International Standard/ American National Standard –

# Food equipment

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### 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**, hoods, shelves, and sinks.

Section 7 of this Standard pertains to food handling and processing equipment that has been designed and manufactured for special use purposes. Food equipment designed and manufactured with a security package is utilized in environments such as correctional facilities, mental health facilities, or some schools. For these environments, where both sanitation and security are concerns, 7 contains exceptions to this Standard that shall only be applicable to the splash and nonfood zones of food equipment provided with a security package.

Equipment components and materials covered under other NSF or NSF/ANSI Standards or Criteria shall also comply with the requirements therein. This Standard is not intended to restrict new unit design, provided that such design meets the minimum specifications described herein.

***Rationale:** after exhaustive discussion, various Task Groups have decided that Dinnerware products are already covered by Standard 2, and the withdrawal of Standard 36 is appropriate. To help guide future users, adding the term 'dinnerware' to the scope is also appropriate.*

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