

**Task Group on Mobile Food Units
Teleconference Meeting Summary
May 14, 2024**

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Participating Members:

Mike Kohler (NSF)
Derick Taylor (Kona Ice)
Jason Hairr (Southern Coals)
Sarah Moon (Baring Industries)
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Tony Gagliardi (Consultant)
Tom Vyles (Town of Flower Mound, TX)
Stephen Schaefer (Hoshizaki America)
Jonathan Brania (UL Solutions)
Beth Glynn (Starbucks)

Absent Members:

Tom Ramsey (Snappy Snacks)
Marianne Miranda (Prime Design Food Trucks)
Thomas Jumalon (NC Dept of HHS)
John Uhl (Century Industries)
Tom Nuttall (Caravans Unlimited, Inc.)

Richard Gomez (AA Cater Truck)
Daniele Nanni (Carpigiani)
Bob Corrao (Gordon Foodservice)
Mike Wyss (Wyss Catering Truck Mfg.)

Participating observers:

Al Rose (NSF)
Doug Farquar (NEHA)

Michael Perez (Baring Industries)

Supplemental Materials Referenced

- 1) Agenda - Mobile Food Units - TG - 2024-05-14
- 2) MFU Definition Considerations – Compiled 2024-04-22

Discussion

M.Kohler is the TG Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. A.Rose read the anti-trust statement and took attendance. Ten of the 19 voting members were present (53%) representing a quorum. M.Kohler recapped the previous meeting summary and opened the floor to accept a motion for the previous meeting summary and today's agenda.

Motion, S.Schaefer: Accept minutes from previous meeting
Second: B.Glynn
Discussion: None
Vote: Eleven in favor, zero opposed, zero abstentions
Motion: Carries

Motion, B.Glynn: Accept today's agenda
Second: T.Gagliardi
Discussion: None
Vote: Eleven in favor, zero opposed, zero abstentions
Motion: Carries

M.Kohler spent a few minutes recapping the previous meeting and the work of the Ad Hoc Group on defining "mobile food unit" since that time. He presented the various options of the working definition and opened the floor for discussion.

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Mobile Food Unit Definition Considerations:

- Differentiate from Mobile Food Cart
- Mobile by mechanical power or towed by motor vehicle
- Operated from inside the truck or trailer vs outside as with mobile food carts
- No internal dining area
- Not connected to a permanent water supply

Other Terms to Possibly Consider:

- MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT
- MOBILE FOOD INSTALLATION

NSF 170 Definition of Mobile Food Cart Just for Reference

mobile food cart: A food service unit intended for manual, nonmotorized transport from an area where the unit is serviced to another area where the food is served. This term applies to units intended for the preparation of food, as well as those that are intended for the display and service of prepackaged food in its original container without further preparation.

Proposed Definition Based on Above Considerations:

mobile food unit: A food service unit within an enclosed motorized or towed vehicle intended for transport from an area where the unit is serviced to other locations where the food is sold and served to customers. Mobile food units have no permanent utility connections or dining facilities. The term does not include a mobile food cart or any similar operation.

Below revision from Derek Taylor

Mobile Food Unit (Revised): A food service unit housed within an enclosed motorized or towed vehicle used in the preparation, service, and sale of food which periodically or continuously changes location. Mobile food units are fully self-contained with no permanent utility connections or dining facilities. The term does not include a mobile food cart or any similar unoccupied operation.

Below revision from Thomas Jumalon

mobile food unit: A food service unit within an enclosed motorized or towed vehicle intended for transport from an area where the unit is serviced to other locations where the food is ~~sold and served~~ **prepared, served and sold** to customers. Mobile food units have no permanent utility connections or dining facilities. The term does not include a mobile food cart or any similar operation.

The group then spent an hour parsing through the various elements, particularly as it relates to what constitutes a unit changing location, whether it is important for food to be prepared on site or not, and whether the food needs to be sold or not. In the end, the group decided on the following (based on D.Taylor's starting point):

Mobile Food Unit: An occupied food service unit housed within an enclosed motorized or towed vehicle used in either or both the ~~preparation, service, and sale~~ preparation or service of food which periodically or continuously changes location. Mobile food units are fully self-contained with no permanent utility connections or dining facilities. The term does not include a mobile food cart or any similar unoccupied operation.

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Motion, S.Schaefer: send this language to this Task Group as a straw ballot
Second: B.Glynn
Discussion: None
Vote: Eleven in favor, zero opposed, zero abstentions
Motion: Carries

Action Item:

A.Rose to send this to straw ballot as described

With 30 minutes remaining, it was decided to revisit the previous language work and straw ballot regarding the Standards Purpose and Scope. Although the comments were thoroughly discussed during the previous meeting, the suggested revisions were as yet not balloted, and the thought was to also send this to straw ballot.

1.1 Scope

Equipment covered by this standard includes, but is not limited to, ~~This standard includes requirements for mobile food units that include but are not limited to trucks, vans, and trailers that which are used to prepare and/or serve food~~ prepare or serve or prepare and serve food; including those that which ~~sell~~ **serve** individually prepackaged ~~potentially hazardous~~ **TCS** food items. This standard does not contain requirements for **mobile food carts equipment such as hot dog carts** covered under NSF/ANSI 59.

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 such design meets the minimum specifications described herein.

A.Rose confirmed the yellow highlights were the suggested revisions from comments on the original straw ballot as well as discussion during the previous meeting.

At this point J.Brania indicated that the scope for this Standard 174 seems to be incongruent with the definition just thoroughly discussed for Standard 170. He added that sending this portion to ballot as is seems premature. The group agreed and spent a few of the remaining minutes beginning the editorial process with the following incomplete statement:

Equipment covered by this standard includes Mobile Food Units as defined in 170. These include but are not limited to trucks, vans, and trailers ~~which are used to prepare or serve or prepare and serve food; including those which serve individually prepackaged~~ ~~potentially hazardous~~ **TCS** food items. This standard does not contain requirements for **mobile food carts equipment such as hot dog carts** covered under NSF/ANSI 59.

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The group agreed to pick up with this portion during the next meeting, along with any comments regarding the definition for 170. A.Rose confirmed the next meeting was scheduled for July 9.

With time running out, M.Kohler asked if there were any more comments. There were none and meeting adjourned.