

June 5, 2008

After reconsideration of its action at the April 3, 2008, meeting in St. Louis, the ISSC Executive Board approved the following VMC recommendations during a conference call meeting held Thursday, June 5, 2008.

- A. Request Martha Iwamoto and Marc Glatzer to review the cases included in the baseline and provide COVIS form information to the Vv Illness Review Work Group. The work group will complete the “Criteria for Including Vv Cases in Illness Reduction Calculations and Determining Source States.”
- B. Request FDA to provide a Vv Refrigeration Illness Reduction Refrigeration Curve.
- C. That Source States must have Vv Illness Reduction Plans (Vibrio Management Plans) authorized and in place so that controls become effective on May 1, 2010.
- D. Source States shall submit, no later August 15, 2008, their Action Plans for implementing their *Vibrio vulnificus* Management Plans. The plan submitted by the state shall include what actions will be taken for various levels of illness rate reduction to achieve the goal.
- E. Accept the recommendations of the Vibrio Education Subcommittee as follows:
 1. Continue its efforts to improve and enhance Vv education.
 2. Request Flying Fish provide additional information to enable the Subcommittee to analyze the impact of Online Vv Education Course offering.
 3. Expand the Subcommittee’s charge to include communication of information to retailers and consumers as well as harvesters and dealers.
 4. Prepare a DVD and brochure to communicate information to harvesters, dealers, retailers, and consumers regarding risks associated with post harvest growth of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*.
- F. Adopt interim guidance, as amended by the Board, for use by state authorities in developing and by FDA in evaluating Vp Control Plans.

“Reasonably likely to occur” as referred to in Proposal 07-202 may be determined by utilizing:

 1. A risk evaluation as described in Proposal 07-202 (with the understanding that ISSC has not adopted nor endorsed the FDA Vp Risk Assessment); or
 2. The risk factor decision tree under development by the VMC using the risk factors included in Proposal 07-202; or
 3. Other approaches approved by the State Authority that provide at least an equivalent level of protection and reduce the risk so that it no longer constitutes an annual occurrence.
 4. Appoint a work group to further develop No. 2.
- G. Adopt the amended Vp Control Plan Template (attached).
- H. In order to assist with implementation of the Vp Control Plan Template C. 1., authorize the Validation/Verification workgroup convene to quickly develop a protocol that firms or states can use this summer to implement this aspect of the Vp Control Plan.
- I. Approve the following recommendation:

The VMC recognizes that without additional action there is near statistical certainty that the Vv illness reduction goals will not be reached. The VMC recognizes that the Vp Control Measures that will be taken by the source states consistent with the provisions of Proposal 07-202 and the interim guidance will reduce the risk of Vv illness by an estimated 10-15%. The VMC finds that this is an appropriate step and thus, no additional Vv control measures are necessary at this time.
- J. Adopt VMC recommendation that the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference encourage states to investigate pre-dawn harvesting as a public health tool to decrease potential illness.