

Proposal Subject: *Vibrio cholera*

Specific NSSP Guide Reference: Section II Model Ordinance Chapter II Risk Assessment and Risk Management

**Text of Proposal/
Requested Action**

Public Health Significance: In April of 2011, the State of Florida reported a shellfish related illness outbreak associated with a toxigenic strain of *Vibrio cholera* O75. Current knowledge of *Vibrio cholera* O75 suggests that this toxigenic strain can be pollution oriented or naturally occurring. The National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) requirements for addressing outbreaks are different for pollution related hazards and naturally occurring hazards. The determination of whether an outbreak of *Vibrio cholera* O75 is pollution related or naturally occurring is difficult and creates management problems for public health officials and shellfish control authorities.

Procedure XIV of the ISSC Constitution, Bylaws, and Procedures outlines steps for addressing pathogens and deleterious substances newly recognized in shellfish. The purpose of this proposal is to provide notice to the membership that FDA and the ISSC will be discussing appropriate steps to address the *Vibrio cholera* situation. If recommendations for NSSP controls are developed for consideration at the 2011 Biennial Meeting, the ISSC membership will be notified.

Cost Information (if available):

Action by 2011 Task Force II Recommended adoption of the Pathogen Review Committee recommendation to refer Proposal 11-207 to an appropriate committee as determined by the Conference Chairman.

Action by 2011 General Assembly Adopted the recommendation of Task Force II on Proposal 11-207.

Action by FDA February 26, 2012 Concurred with Conference action on Proposal 11-207.

Action by 2013 Pathogen Review Committee The Pathogen Review Committee recommended that *Vibrio cholera* O75 should be treated as a naturally occurring pathogen unless the Authority determines there is evidence of association with pollution.

Action by 2013 Task Force II Recommended adoption of Pathogen Committee recommendation on Proposal 11-207 and further recommended wording be placed in the NSSP Model Ordinance as determined by the Executive Board.

Action by 2013 General Assembly Adopted recommendation of 2013 Task Force II on Proposal 11-207.

Action by FDA May 5, 2014 Concurred with Conference action on Proposal 11-207.