

**ISSC 2005 Biennial Meeting
August 13-19, 2005 – Point Clear, Alabama
Committee Report**

Name of Committee:	Processing and Handling
Chairperson:	Bill Dewey
Date of Meeting:	Monday, August 15, 2005
Attendees:	Bill Dewey, Dave Blevins, Peter Brown, Raymond Burditt, Amy Fitzpatrick (for Bruce Chamberlain), David Fyfe, David Guilbeau, Stephen Murphey, Doris Nelson, Joseph, Niece, Virginia Olsen, Garry Orner, Keith Skiles, Sandra Sharp and Erin Butler
Charge 1:	Proposal 03-205 Format for consistent dating on shucked shellfish.
Findings:	Model Ordinance Chapter X.06 provides inadequate guidance to dealers regarding shucked shellfish labeling.
Conclusions:	Adding clarifying language regarding the requirement for placing the date on the shucked container in a recognizable and consistent format will reduce confusion of state and federal inspectors as well as consumers. The Committee discussed the proposed 06 A (4) which would require dealers to include on the shucked label the repacker's, distributor's or original shucker packer's name and address and the original shucker packer's certification number and the repacker's certification number if the shucked shellfish had been repacked. It was noted that many shucker-packers and repackers lack the necessary equipment to produce permanent printed labels on demand. Getting permanent labels printed in a timely manner to accommodate what might be infrequent and limited needs was felt by some to be unreasonable for a limited public health benefit. In addition, small volume shucked containers lack adequate space to include additional information. For these reasons the committee did not support the changes in the proposed 06 A (4).
Recommendations:	<p>The Processing and Handling Committee recommends Task Force II recommend the adoption of Proposal 03-305 with the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delete proposed .06 A (4) and maintain existing Model Ordinance language for .06 A (4) - The terms "fresh" or "fresh frozen" as used in this Proposal may need to be edited depending on the Conference action on Proposal 05-200 regarding the definition of "raw" <p>Committee Chair note: Following committee action on Proposal 03-205 and adjournment of the committee a potential critical oversight was brought to the Chairman's attention by an audience participant. With the committee's recommendation not to accept the proposed section (4) they deleted the current Model Ordinance requirement that requires the shucker-packer or repacker certification number on the label. This requirement had been moved from existing (5)(a) to the proposed (4)(b) and (c). It is the Chairman's opinion that this is a serious and accidental oversight by the committee. Task Force II could resolve this oversight by not striking (5)(a) as indicated in the Proposal and</p>

renumbering subsequent sections accordingly. To be clear, the committee had adjourned prior to this problem being identified. It is the Chairman's opinion that it is an oversight and the proposed solution is his recommendation and not that of the committee since they did not deliberate it.

Charge 2: Proposal 03-206 Labeling of shucked shellfish.

Findings: Proposal 03-206 recommends changing from an open date to a coded date on packages of shucked shellfish containing 64 fluid ounces or more. The Committee acknowledged that similar proposals have been debated by the Conference previously with the decision being to maintain an open date.

Conclusions: Proposal 03-206 is adequately addressed by the current Model Ordinance and no changes are necessary.

Recommendations: The Processing and Handling Committee recommends that Task Force II recommend no action on Proposal 03-206 with the rationale being that it is adequately addressed in the Model Ordinance.

Recorder: Bill Dewey

Approved by: Bill Dewey