

**ISSC 2013 Biennial Meeting
January 25 – January 31, 2014 – San Antonio, Texas
Committee Report**

Committee Name : NSSP Evaluation Criteria
Chairperson: Mike Hickey
Date of Meeting: January 26, 2014 **Approved By:** Mike Hickey
Recorder: Jessie J. DeLoach

Committee Members Present:

Mike Hickey	Erin Butler	David Carey
Jerrold Davis	Johnathan Gerhardt	Terri Gerhardt
Steve Murphey	Julie Henderson	Jessie Deloach
Joel Hansel		

Committee Members Absent:

Kathy Brohawn	Angela Ruple	Kirk Wiles
Bill Watkins	John Tennyson	Marc Glatzer

Charges

Charge 1: 11-310: Internal Authority Self-Assessment Using a National Program Standards Manual.

Findings:

Discussion focused on the merits of the Proposal and the use of the National Manufactured Food Standards compared to the requirements of the NSSP-MO and FDA Compliance Program 7318.004 Molluscan Shellfish Program evaluation criteria. Discussion was active and lively with a common trend being a concern for making such a National Standard Assessment approach mandatory and or duplicative of other existing quality assurances already being accomplished within state auditing controls. The committee agreed to strike the word "Shall" from the Proposal and to focus more on a harmony of the Standards and volunteer approach by states. Committee discussion and additional input from recognized state/FDA representatives allowed for dialogue on the merits of existing state assessment methods and or use of a National Program Standard i.e. Manufactured Foods Standard ten (10) standard elements. Recognizing that some states already do some type of program assessment through other departmental functions but suggesting meshing of these efforts could adequately address shellfish functions as well.. Discussion of the history of the related efforts by other organizations (i.e. AFDO, Milk, and Food Protection Conferences) and developed crosswalk documents will be useful in future considerations.

Conclusions:

The committee concluded that the Proposal has merit for further review. The committee also concluded that the formation of a work group to further study the applicability of the National Standards (Manufactured Food Standards) and how they relate to NSSP-MO functional areas/requirements is recommended. The group discussed the merit of flushing out the differences of the standards and NSSP-MO for benefits to the shellfish program overall. It was recommended that the formation of the work group members also include both nonshellfish members to assure diversity of the review process. It was agreed that the work group review, assess, discuss and determine

applicability of a combined/modified Manufactured Food Standard or a unique stand alone Shellfish assessment tool. Additionally the focus of this assessment must address efficiencies for effective allocation and use of state resources. The suggested work group focus would be to discuss all of the aspects of concern and determine if such a self-assessment tool could be modeled to incorporate the critical aspects of the NSSP. The ultimate decision on such an assessment tool and where in the NSSP-MO it would be found (i.e. Model Ordinance Section and/or the Guidance Documents Section) will be made by the committee/Task Force at the next ISSC meeting.

A motion was made to develop a work group. A second was made and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Recommendations:

1. To request the the Conference Chairman to form a Committee directed "work group" to evaluate the Manufactured Food Standards and determine the applicability of and/or use of these Manufactured Standards to the National Shellfish Sanitation Model Ordinance requirements and report their findings and recoommendations to the NSSP Evaluation Criteria Committee at the next ISSC meeting.
2. Strike the word "shall" from the proposal as submitted.