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News Release

Tests conducted by NSF *International* Indicate No Difference in Safety Between Wood and Plastic Cutting Boards.

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NSF *International* (NSF) has completed a series of tests to determine the difference in bacterial viability potential between wood and plastic cutting boards and the effects of these on a common bacteria that may cause food poisoning. Earlier this year, the University of Wisconsin reported on a study that concluded that wooden cutting boards kill bacteria that survive well on plastic boards. The results of the NSF study directly contradicts the Wisconsin report. There was no difference between the two materials evident from the study performed by NSF.

NSF compared the viability of *E. Coli* on wood and plastic surfaces, and also tested the effects of wood dust and wood and plastic chips on cultures of *E. Coli*. No difference in growth support potential of either surface was demonstrated for the *E. Coli*. NSF cooperated and shared its data with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Office of Special Research Skills, which was concurrently carrying out its own research.

NSF *International* is widely known as the premier, not-for-profit, third party certifier of products relating to the public health and environmental quality. It routinely tests cutting boards and certifies those which comply with NSF Criteria C-2.

NSF was chartered in Michigan in 1944. Today, its consensus standards product certification services extend through the U.S. and 37 other countries. In addition it registers manufacturers and suppliers quality systems for with conformance with the ISO-9000.

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