RFA Conference: Duty of Care

During these challenging times, RFA is committed to continuing to provide a safe and healthy environment for all Annual Conference participants and staff. While RFA cannot guarantee that Annual Conference attendees will not become infected with COVID-19, RFA has adopted preventative measures to reduce the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus at our Annual Conference, in accordance with guidance provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ritz-Carlton Resort. All Conference attendees are expected to also comply with all applicable requirements. Please read the following.

- Vaccines are safe and effective. RFA highly recommends getting fully vaccinated against COVID 19 before attending the Conference.

- Once on site, RFA requests that all Conference attendees practice good hygiene, regularly and thoroughly wash or sanitize their hands throughout the day, and observe social distancing guidelines where applicable.

- We ask that all attendees follow CDC guidelines for masking (*see below). In accordance with these guidelines, RFA highly recommends that all unvaccinated attendees wear a mask at all times in meeting and event spaces throughout the Conference.

- All attendees may choose to wear a mask at any time, regardless of whether others around them are masked. Disposable masks will be provided at the RFA registration desk for any attendee who would like one.

- Hand Sanitizer stations are positioned throughout the hotel and meeting spaces for your convenience. Individual hand sanitizer and wipes will also be available at Registration.

- If you become ill during the Conference, please remain in your room, and contact Meg Levin. She will work with the hotel and put you in touch with local health professionals, as needed.

***CDC General Guidelines for Masking: Source www.CDC.gov:**

- If you are not fully vaccinated and aged 2 or older, you should wear a mask in indoor public places.
- In general, you do not need to wear a mask in outdoor settings.
- In areas with high numbers of COVID-19 cases, consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.
- People who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system may not be fully protected even if they are fully vaccinated. They should continue to take all precautions recommended for unvaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitted mask, until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider.
- If you are fully vaccinated, to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission.

You should not attend the RFA Annual Conference if you are experiencing, or within the 10 days prior to the Conference, have experienced signs and symptoms of COVID-19. You also should not attend the RFA Annual Conference if you believe that you may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities or the health care team responsible for your treatment. In addition, Conference attendees should self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and are asked to contact RFA at info@refrigeratedfoods.org if they experience symptoms of COVID-19 within 10 days after participating in the RFA Annual Conference. Any private health or personal data that may be received by RFA in connection with such measures and precautions will be treated as confidentially as possible.

All Conference attendees are required to sign and return the Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19 (see page 2).

Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, but the virus is believed to spread from person-to-person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects, and even possibly in the air. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. The exact methods of spread and contraction are unknown, and there is no known cure for COVID-19. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life threatening illness and even death.

Refrigerated Foods Association (RFA) cannot prevent you from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while attending its Conference and/or entering onto premises where RFA's Conference is being held. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to attend RFA's Annual Conference and enter onto the premises, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I have read and understood the above warning concerning COVID-19. I hereby choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 for myself in order to attend the RFA Conference and enter the Conference premises. The Conference is of such value to me that I accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 in order to attend in person.

WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY: I hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against RFA and its owners, officers, directors, managers, officials, trustees, agents, employees, or other representatives for fault in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to attending its event. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claim based in negligence, including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

CHOICE OF LAW: I understand and agree that the law of the State of Florida will apply to this contract.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE:

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name (printed): _____