Tips For Evaluating Sanitizers

- Look at the “directions for use” on the label for information needed to determine approval but do not rely solely on the label

- Cross reference the National Pesticide Information Retrieval System: http://state.ceris.purdue.edu/ for the EPA registration

- Look for key words such as: use in restaurants, food establishments, deli’s etc.

- Look for keywords such as: use on food contact surfaces

- Refer to 40 CFR 180.940 (search for electronic copy) to verify the active ingredient is an approved sanitizer*

- Note: A rinse step can not be required for a sanitizing product to be approved

- Note: Household bleach used can not contain a scent

- Note: Products intended for residential use only (with the exception of household bleach) are not approved sanitizers for food contact surfaces

*If a product is EPA registered and has directions for use for food contact surfaces in a RFE but is not listed in the CFR, please contact your LAP representative. The product may be approved but the CFR could not be updated.