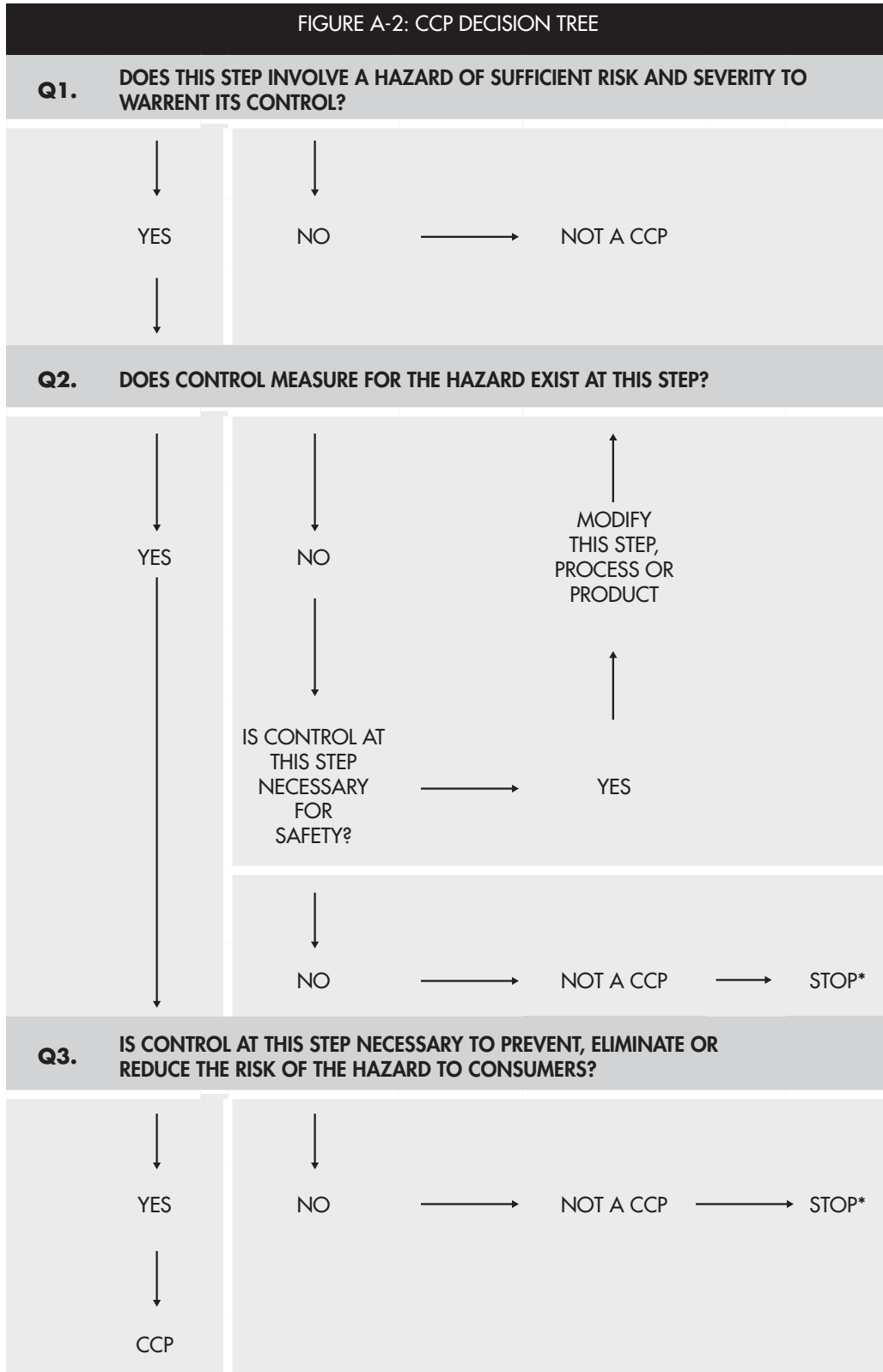


## APPENDIX 3: Critical Control Point Decision Tree

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This appendix contains a decision tree that may be used to assist you with the identification of critical control points (CCPs). You should not rely exclusively on the decision tree, because error may result.

FIGURE A-2: CCP DECISION TREE



This decision tree is derived from one that was developed by the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods.

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