

WAC 246-215-03369 Preventing contamination by consumers—Consumer self-service operations (FDA Food Code 3-306.13). (1) Raw unPACKAGED animal FOOD such as beef, lamb, pork, POULTRY, and FISH may not be offered for CONSUMER self-service. This subsection does not apply to:

(a) CONSUMER self-service of READY-TO-EAT FOODS at buffets or salad bars that serve FOODS such as sushi or raw shellfish;

(b) Ready-to-cook individual portions for cooking and immediate consumption on the PREMISES such as CONSUMER-cooked MEATS or CONSUMER-selected ingredients for Mongolian barbecue; or

(c) Raw, frozen shrimp, lobster, finfish, calamari, or adductor muscle of scallop; or frozen, breaded seafood.

(2) CONSUMER self-service operations for READY-TO-EAT FOODS must be provided with suitable utensils or effective dispensing methods that protect the FOOD from contamination.

(3) CONSUMER self-service operations such as buffets and salad bars must be monitored by FOOD EMPLOYEES trained in safe operating procedures.

(4) Containers for display and service of READY-TO-EAT, unPACKAGED, bulk FOODS for CONSUMER self-service must have a CONSUMER access point at least 30 inches above floor level, except for APPROVED containers of liquids.

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