

WAC 246-215-04230 Functionality—Dispensing equipment, protection of equipment and food (FDA Food Code 4-204.13). In EQUIPMENT that dispenses or vends liquid FOOD or ice in unPACKAGED form:

(1) The delivery tube, chute, orifice, and splash surfaces directly above the container receiving the FOOD must be designed in a manner, such as with barriers, baffles, or drip aprons, so that drips from condensation and splash are diverted from the opening of the container receiving the FOOD;

(2) The delivery tube, chute and orifices must be protected from manual contact such as by being recessed;

(3) The delivery tube or chute and orifice of EQUIPMENT used to vend liquid FOOD or ice in unPACKAGED form to self-service CONSUMERS must be designed so that the delivery tube or chute and orifice are protected from dust, insects, rodents, and other contamination by a self-closing door if the EQUIPMENT is:

(a) Located in an outside area that does not otherwise afford the protection of an enclosure against the rain, windblown debris, insects, rodents, and other contaminants that are present in the environment; or

(b) Available for self-service during hours when it is not under the full-time supervision of a FOOD EMPLOYEE; and

(4) The dispensing EQUIPMENT actuating level or mechanism and filling device of CONSUMER self-service BEVERAGE dispensing EQUIPMENT must be designed to prevent contact with the lip-contact surface of glasses or cups that are refilled.

(5) Dispensing EQUIPMENT in which TIME/TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR SAFETY FOOD in a homogenous liquid form is maintained outside of the temperature control requirements as specified under WAC 246-215-03525(1) must:

(a) Be specifically designed and equipped to maintain the commercial sterility of aseptically PACKAGED FOOD in a homogenous liquid form for a specified duration from the time of opening the packaging within the EQUIPMENT; and

(b) Conform to the requirements for this EQUIPMENT as specified in NSF/ANSI 18-2006 - Manual food and Beverage Dispensing Equipment.

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