

**WAC 246-215-03327 Preventing contamination from ice used as a coolant—Storage or display of food in contact with water or ice (FDA Food Code 3-303.12).** (1) PACKAGED FOOD may not be stored in direct contact with ice or water if the FOOD is subject to the entry of water because of the nature of its packaging, wrapping, or container or its positioning in the ice or water.

(2) Except as specified in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, UNPACKAGED FOOD may not be stored in direct contact with undrained ice.

(3) Whole, raw fruits or vegetables; cut, raw vegetables such as celery or carrot sticks or cut potatoes; and tofu may be immersed in ice or water.

(4) Raw POULTRY and raw FISH that are received immersed in ice in shipping containers may remain in that condition while in storage awaiting preparation, display, service, or sale.

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