

(Effective March 1, 2022.)

WAC 246-215-03527 Temperature and time control—Ready-to-eat, time/temperature control for safety food, disposition (FDA Food Code 3-501.18). (1) A FOOD specified in WAC 246-215-03526 (1) and (2) must be discarded unless it is cooked or reheated to 165°F (74°C) prior to service, if it:

(a) Exceeds the temperature and time requirements specified in WAC 246-215-03526, except time that the product is frozen;

(b) Is in a container or PACKAGE that does not bear a date or day and no ability to validate the opening date; or

(c) Is inappropriately marked with a date or day that exceeds a temperature and time combination as specified in WAC 246-215-03526(1).

(2) Refrigerated, READY-TO-EAT, TIME/TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR SAFETY FOOD prepared in a FOOD ESTABLISHMENT and dispensed through a VENDING MACHINE with an automatic shutoff control must be discarded if it exceeds a temperature and time requirement as specified in WAC 246-215-03526(1).

(3) A FOOD ESTABLISHMENT that serves a HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE POPULATION may not reheat improperly marked FOOD as specified under subsection (1) of this section.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050 and 43.20.145. WSR 21-01-122, § 246-215-03527, filed 12/15/20, effective 3/1/22.]