

1 Department of Agriculture

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3 Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Self-Service Beverage

4 Dispensing into Multi-Use Bottles

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6 Rules as Adopted

7 1550.3100 APPLICABILITY.

8 For the purposes of inspection or licensing by the  
9 commissioner of agriculture, parts 1550.3100 to 1550.3170 apply  
10 to the mixing, self-service dispensing, labeling, and sale of  
11 new multi-use beverage bottles and the cleaning of used beverage  
12 bottles.

13 1550.3110 BUILDINGS AND PREMISES.

14 Self-service beverage dispensing equipment must be located  
15 within an establishment licensed and inspected for the sale of  
16 food for human consumption.

17 1550.3120 BOTTLES AND BOTTLE CLOSURES.

18 Subpart 1. **New bottles.** New bottles must be dispensed in  
19 a sanitary manner with the closures attached and in a manner  
20 that will prohibit replacement of returned bottles into the  
21 bottle dispenser, or provided with tamper-evident seals.

22 Subp. 2. **Multi-use bottle standards.** Multi-use bottles  
23 must be made of food grade material, be brand and product use  
24 specific, and approved as refillable for beverages.

25 Subp. 3. **Potentially hazardous foods.** Multi-use bottles  
26 must not be used in dispensing potentially hazardous foods.

27 Subp. 4. **Refilling.** Multi-use bottles being refilled must  
28 have the name, address, and zip code of the responsible firm  
29 owning the beverage equipment. The filling of bottles other  
30 than those specifically provided by that firm is prohibited.

31 Subp. 5. **Labeling.** Bottles must be labeled to include:

32 A. net contents;

33 B. name, address, and zip code of the responsible  
34 firm;

1 C. cleaning instructions for bottle and closure on  
2 refillable containers; and

3 D. warning statement against misuse of the container.

4 Subp. 6. **Separate adhesive label.** The responsible firm  
5 must provide for the convenience of the consumer a separate  
6 adhesive label for each beverage dispensed that provides the  
7 following information:

8 A. product identity; and

9 B. list of ingredients in descending order of  
10 predominance.

11 Subp. 7. **Bottle closure.** A bottle closure must be made of  
12 food grade material and attached to the bottle before sale to a  
13 customer.

14 1550.3130 BEVERAGE DISPENSING EQUIPMENT.

15 Subpart 1. **General requirements.** All equipment,  
16 containers, and utensils used in the handling, storage, mixing,  
17 and transfer of syrup and beverage must be smooth, impervious,  
18 corrosion resistant, nontoxic, and in good repair.

19 Subp. 2. **Cleaning and sanitizing.** Dispensing units must  
20 be constructed, installed, and located so as to permit adequate  
21 cleaning and sanitizing. Equipment and utensils must be  
22 maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

23 Subp. 3. **Instructions.** Complete instructions for the  
24 beverage dispensing operation must be in full view of the  
25 customer.

26 Subp. 4. **Filling of bottles.** A food-grade single service  
27 disposable paper or plastic funnel or similar sanitary device  
28 must be supplied from a sanitary dispenser and used for filling  
29 of bottles.

30 Subp. 5. **Contamination-free transfer.** The system must  
31 include a contamination-free transfer process which cannot be  
32 bypassed by the consumer while dispensing beverages. Beverages  
33 may be filled by an establishment employee or by the customer.

34 Subp. 6. **Labeling.** Each individual dispensing unit at the  
35 dispensing head must be conspicuously labeled to at least

1 include the product identity, artificial flavor, yellow #5  
2 artificial color, and name and function of preservative when  
3 present. Fruitades or drinks must have a complete list of  
4 ingredients.

5 Subp. 7. **Measurement of net contents.** Net contents may be  
6 measured in the filled bottle by any of the following methods:

7 A. an accurate metering device located at each  
8 dispenser;

9 B. a bottle calibrated with a fill line;

10 C. a height-fill gauge provided to the customer at  
11 the dispensing unit; or

12 D. any other method or device which will demonstrate  
13 an accurate net contents.

14 1550.3140 SIGN.

15 A sign must be posted conspicuously within the immediate  
16 dispenser area directing consumers for health reasons to use a  
17 single service funnel or other sanitary device which has been  
18 provided when serving themselves, not to contact the beverages  
19 directly, and not to consume beverages on the premises.

20 Establishments dispensing for consumer product promotion by  
21 store personnel is not prohibited.

22 1550.3150 BOTTLE WASHING.

23 Subpart 1. **New bottles.** New beverage bottles, if suitably  
24 protected at the container manufacturing facility and during  
25 transportation and storage, need not be washed or rinsed before  
26 use.

27 Subp. 2. **Multi-use bottles.** Multi-use bottles returned  
28 for refilling must be washed and sanitized before refilling by  
29 means of at least a semiautomatic bottle washer located as part  
30 of the beverage dispensing equipment

31 "Washed" means free from physical, chemical, and microbial  
32 substance discernible by ordinary sight, touch, or smell and  
33 free from insects, vermin, and debris. "Sanitize" means the  
34 effective bactericidal treatment of the cleaned interior surface  
35 of the bottle by a process which is effective in destroying

1 microorganisms, including pathogens.

2 Subp. 3. **Bottle washer.** A bottle washer must contain  
3 instructions for its use.

4 1550.3160 EQUIPMENT SINK.

5 A three-compartment, adequate-sized equipment sink for the  
6 washing of dispensing equipment must be provided with properly  
7 plumbed hot and cold running water. Equipment sinks must be  
8 National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) approved or the equivalent.

9 1550.3170 CUSTOMER HAND-WASH SINK.

10 A facility for handwashing must be provided in the  
11 establishment with properly plumbed hot and cold running water,  
12 soap, and single service towels or a suitable air drying  
13 device. ~~Handwashing-sinks-must-be-National-Sanitation~~  
14 ~~Foundation-(NSF)-approved-or-the-equivalent.~~