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| **4-603.17 Returnables, Cleaning for Refilling.**  (A) Except as specified in ¶¶ (B) and (C) of this section, returned empty containers intended for cleaning and refilling with food shall be cleaned and refilled in a regulated food processing plant. P |
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| (B) *A food-specific container for beverages may be refilled at a food establishment if:* |
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| (1) *Only a beverage that is not a potentially hazardous food (time/temperature control for safety food) is used as specified under ¶ 3‑304.17(A);* |
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| (2) *The design of the container and of the rinsing equipment and the nature of the beverage, when considered together, allow effective cleaning at home or in the food establishment;* |
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| (3) *Facilities for rinsing before refilling returned containers with fresh, hot water that is under pressure and not recirculated are provided as part of the dispensing system;* |
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| (4) *The consumer-owned container returned to the food establishment for refilling is refilled for sale or service only to the same consumer; and* |
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| (5) *The container is refilled by:* |
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| (a) *An employee of the food establishment, or* |
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| (b) *The owner of the container if the beverage system includes a contamination-free transfer process that cannot be bypassed by the container owner.* |
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| (C) *Consumer-owned containers that are not food-specific may be filled at a water vending machine or system.* |