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## RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTERPRETATION #04-06 (Company Specific)

**DATE:** June 28, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Drainboard Requirements For Starbucks Coffee In Colorado

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Attached is a memorandum from this Department dated February 24, 1997 (Attachment 1). The memorandum indicates the minimum drainboard size required for Starbucks Coffee operations. The following is an excerpt from that memorandum.

“A minimum of one 18 inch self-draining clean drainboard or dishtable and one 18 inch self-draining soiled drainboard or dishtable at the three compartment sink will be required for Starbucks Coffee establishments which have single service and only coffee mugs and a few utensils to clean and sanitize.”

Starbucks Coffee Company is implementing some menu additions at several stores throughout Colorado. Information received by Starbucks indicates:

“The proposed menu consists of pre-packaged, commercially prepared sandwiches and salads.... There will be **no** food handling preparation, assembly, or processing conducted at the stores. All lunch items will be prepared at a licensed commercial facility and transported to each store by refrigerated truck. When the items are received at the store, temperatures will be measured to ensure the product is received at 41°F or below. A temperature log will be maintained. The items will then be dated and placed in the refrigerated reach-in display cooler alongside the bottled drinks and other retail offerings. The lunch items will be sold or discarded within 24 hours. The temperature of the cooler will be monitored and recorded as well....

Each store will receive between 10 and 20 individual sandwiches and/or salads. This figure is based upon sales in other markets that currently serve lunch. As a result, we do not anticipate the need for any additional refrigeration units.”

Therefore, a change in their drainboard size would not be required. If inspectional observations are other than what is indicated above, those issues should be cited on the inspection report and resolved at the local level. If observations are not unique to a store, but are company wide practices, please contact Jeff Lawrence, Retail Food Program Manager, by either telephone at (303) 692-3648 or e-mail at [jeff.lawrence@state.co.us](mailto:jeff.lawrence@state.co.us) and this Department will assist in addressing these types of observations.

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February 24, 1997

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SUBJECT: Drainboard Requirements For Starbucks Coffee In Colorado

Dear Ann:

Starbucks Coffee establishments are recognized as a coffee bar. A minimum of one 18 inch self-draining clean drainboard or dishtable and one 18 inch self-draining soiled drainboard or dishtable at the three compartment sink will be required for Starbucks Coffee establishments which have single service and only coffee mugs and a few utensils to clean and sanitize.

If Starbucks Coffee establishments have large trays or add any other items which need to be manually cleaned and an 18 inch drainboard space is not adequate, then larger drainboard space will be required.

I hope the information in this letter fits your needs. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (303) 692-3637.

Sincerely,

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