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## **RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTERPRETATION RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTERPRETATION #03-1**

**DATE:** March 27, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Backflow Prevention Device Violation

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An interpretation is in order to help clarify an issue that has been a source of concern following the "Plumbing & Cross-Connection Control Course" presented by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in January, 2003. The question is, "In a retail food establishment, how should a cross-connection that is protected by an inappropriate backflow prevention device be debited on the inspection form?" Based on information given by FDA, during the above-mentioned training course, a cross-connection that is protected by an inappropriate backflow prevention device is cited as a non-critical violation (14a) not a critical violation (05c).

This interpretation provided is in conformance with FDA's comments on the same subject.

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