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Section 422.51

Question:

Is it the intent of NEC 422.51 to view customer accessible soft serve ice cream machines as "vending machines?"

Answer

No. The soft serve ice cream machine, as described appears to be a commercial appliance and would have to be grounded accordingly.

Commentary:

If the machine is intalled in a true "kitchen" then GFCI is protection is also required.

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