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(54) **Method of cleaning drinks dispense systems**

(57) A method for cleaning a beverage dispensing system or beer line comprises a two stage process with a preliminary step of treating the system with a solution of conventional alkaline beer line cleaner, in order to remove contaminants and to expose raw biofilm to be treated. This is followed by a secondary treatment with

a solution of chlorine dioxide. The chlorine dioxide solution, comprising between 50 and 1000 ppm of available chlorine dioxide, is generated in situ by mixing a solid acid, such as citric acid or isocyanuric acid with a solution of sodium chlorite.

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