Claims

1. Beverage dispensing assembly, comprising a container and a tapping apparatus having a chamber in which the container fits and can be entered into through an opening closable by a lid, such that the container is placed, it is enclosed between the lid and an opposite end of a chamber, wherein preferably spaced apart from the lid and preferably at said opposite end of the chamber a first connector is provided, for feeding pressurised gas into the container through a gas inlet provided in the container, and at the side of the opening of the chamber, a pressure element is provided for pressing the gas inlet onto and/or into the first connector, wherein the container has an inner and outer container, wherein the inner container is connected to the outer container at at least two spaced apart locations, such as at opposite axial ends at or near the neck region and at or near the connector, such that a direction of compression is at least partly predefined, such as primarily in radial direction, wherein a dispense line is connected to the container for dispensing beverage from the container and wherein the apparatus comprises a tapping valve operating system, preferably within or above the opening of the chamber, to which a valve provided in and/or on said dispense line near an outlet end thereof can be connected, such that with the tapping valve operating system a passage of the dispense line can be brought into fluid communication with the environment for dispensing a beverage from the container, or blocked there from, for interrupting or preventing such dispensing.

2. Beverage dispensing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the gas inlet is provided at a bottom end of the container, opposite a neck portion of the container, for cooperation with the first connector, positioned at an end of the chamber opposite the opening of the chamber, wherein the pressure element is provided at the side of the opening for fitting against and/or over the neck portion of the container and/or at the closure of the container,

flange thereof and/or the operating element, on two spaced apart positions next to the dispensing line, preferably at opposite sides of the dispensing line.

13. Beverage dispensing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the tapping valve operating system comprises a tapping handle and a valve engagement portion engaging a valve connected to or provided in said dispense line, wherein between said tapping handle and said valve engagement portion a bi-stable spring operated assembly is provided, such that upon movement of the handle over a predetermined angle from a rest position the spring operated assembly switches from a first stable position into a second stable position, forcing the engagement portion from a position fully closing the valve into a position fully opening the valve, irrespective of movement of the handle further away from the rest position.

14. Beverage container for use in a beverage dispensing assembly according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the container has an inner and outer container, wherein the inner container is connected to the outer container at at least two spaced apart locations, such as at opposite axial ends at or near the neck region and at or near the connector, such that a direction of compression is at least partly predefined, such as primarily in radial direction, wherein a dispense line is connected to the container for dispensing beverage from the container, wherein the container is integrally blow moulded, and wherein the inner container is a flexible inner container and the outer container is more rigid than the flexible inner container.

15. Beverage container according to claim 14, wherein a closure is provided in and/or on the neck region of the container, comprising a substantially tubular element at the neck region, having a closed peripheral wall, and an operating element fitting inside said tubular element, slidingly sealing against the said wall, wherein a cap is fitted at or near an end of the tubular element, closing off the tubular element, wherein the operating element can be pushed into the tubular element to such extend that it at least partly removes the cap from