

Beverage Quality Certification Program



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Beverage Certification

The NSF Beverage Quality Certification Program empowers bottlers from around the world to convey their compelling story of safety and quality to retailers, competitors, regulators and, most importantly, consumers.

In today's competitive marketplace, very little separates one beverage from another. Most beverages are packaged in colorful, eye-catching plastic, aluminum or glass containers claiming to provide the ultimate refreshment or new-to-the-world taste. However, experience tells you that not all beverages are created equal. As bottlers, you understand the effort and commitment required to produce and distribute the safest and highest quality beverages.

New Features

NSF's state-of-the-art certification program is founded upon globally accepted requirements to provide bottlers with the world's best auditing and finished product testing certification program.

- **Expanded Scope:** Certifications ranging from the most refreshing spring water to the most invigorating energy drink.
- **International Perspective:** Finished product water quality analysis against three of the world's most respected water quality analysis schemes.
- **Functional Beverage Verification:** Functional beverages are tested to verify that the contents of the bottle match what is indicated on the product label.
- **Industry Best Practice:** Audit inspection program built upon NSF's 20 years of bottled water auditing experience. Requirements include Codex Alimentarius, USFDA and Industry Best Practice.

Beverage Certification Benefits

The NSF Mark delivers:

1. **Product differentiation** in the global marketplace.
2. Unmatched **peace of mind** that your company's products meet the most stringent, internationally recognized beverage safety and quality requirements.
3. Unheralded **access to markets** across the globe.

Path to NSF Beverage Quality Certification

1. Annual Beverage Plant Audits

- Quality Management Systems
- HACCP
- Food Safety Management Systems
- Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs)
- Beverage Process Management
- Food Security and Defense

2. Annual Finished Product Testing to International Requirements

- World Health Organization Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality (WHO)
- European Union Requirements (EU/CE)
- United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA)

3. Functional Beverages

- Functional ingredient / label verification
- NSF Certified for Sport™ - Athletic Banned Substances Certification

4. Product Listing

- Annual Plant Certificate of Compliance
- Listing of product on www.nsf.org
- Use of the NSF Mark by the manufacturer on packaging and advertising

Companion Services

- 1. NSF State Licensing Program:** NSF provides licensing assistance to bottlers attempting to export beverages to the United States.
- 2. NSF Analytical Services:** NSF's world-class laboratories offer a full suite of testing capabilities for physical, chemical, microbiological and radiological aspects.

About NSF International

For over 60 years, NSF International has been certifying products, writing standards and conducting audits to protect food, water, and consumer goods. As the world's only American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited beverage certifier, you can safely place your trust in NSF International.

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