Quick Facts

How does the process work?
To become NSF Registered, product profiles are reviewed by NSF toxicologists against the NSF Registration Guidelines for Proprietary Substances and Nonfood Compounds including 21 CFR and other regulatory requirements.

- All information submitted with the application to NSF is kept confidential in accordance with NSF Policy.
- Applications are reviewed by the Program Office for completeness.
- A cost estimate is submitted to the applicant by the project manager.
- Complete applications are sent to the Toxicology department for review.
- You will be contacted if the application is not complete, or if additional information is needed.
- If it is determined that product testing will be needed, a sample will be requested. **Please do not send a sample at this time.**
- Upon successful completion of NSF review and return of the signed contract for registration, a NSF Registration Letter is issued and posted on the NSF Nonfood Compounds website (www.nsfwhitebook.org).
- If NSF review concluded that the product cannot be registered, NSF will supply the applicant company with a feedback letter.
- The NSF Registration process is completed when the NSF Registration No., Category Code, and Registration Mark appear on the NSF Registered product’s label and the Registered product’s name is included in the NSF White Book Listing of Nonfood Compounds on the NSF website (www.nsfwhitebook.org).

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the cost?** The cost of review is dependent upon several factors. Please see the fee estimation tool on our website (www.nsfwhitebook.org), or contact nonfood@nsf.org for a quote specific to your project. Note that **annual fees apply upon registration.**
- **How long does a review take?** The time frame is dependent on the type of application submitted. Please contact your project manager of nonfood@nsf.org for current time frame projections.
- **Is there an expedited review option?** Yes, a **rush review request** takes 5 business days, and the **review fee is doubled.**
- **When is payment submitted?** An invoice is sent to the applicant upon completion of the review process. Note that **review fees are assessed regardless of the outcome of the review.**
- **Where do I get the Mark for use on my label?** You can download the Mark from our website at www.nsfwhitebook.org
- **Which Mark do I use?** The correct Mark to use for all product (except those registered by the EPA) is the circle NSF with the text box beneath that says “Nonfood Compounds Program Listed (Category Code)(Registration #).”
- **My product is not EPA Registered under FIFRA: can I still submit it for NSF Registration?** Yes, so long as it is sold or distributed exclusively outside of the United States and otherwise complies with the NSF Registration Guidelines for such products.

Contact information

For questions or assistance with the application process please contact us at +1-888-NSF-FOOD or nonfood@nsf.org. You can also contact the Program Business Unit Manager, Sarah Krol, at skrol@nsf.org.