

NSF/ANSI 51 & NSF/ANSI 61 COVERING YOUR PRODUCT CERTIFICATION NEEDS FROM FOOD TO DRINKING WATER



Whether your products are used in contact with food/beverages, drinking water or both, NSF has you covered! NSF International certifies to two standards that meet different sets of health requirements for materials in contact with food or drinking water:

NSF/ANSI 51:
Food Equipment Materials
(and related food equipment standards)

NSF/ANSI 61:
***Drinking Water System
Components – Health Effects***

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| Product Types | Materials and finishes used in the manufacture of food equipment and components such as plastic materials, tubing, sealants, gaskets, valves and other items intended for various food equipment and food contact applications. | Materials or products that come into contact with drinking water, such as protective barrier and plastic materials, joining and sealing materials, pipes, mechanical devices and others, including process media. |
| Purpose of Certification | Establishes minimum public health and sanitation requirements for materials used in the construction of commercial food equipment. The requirements are based on U.S. FDA regulations. | Establishes minimum health effects requirements for the chemical contaminants and impurities that are indirectly imparted to drinking water from products, components and materials used with drinking water. The requirements are based on U.S. EPA and Health Canada requirements. |
| Evaluation Method | Formulary review to FDA requirements | Extraction testing |
| Certification Mark |  Certified to NSF/ANSI 51 |   |



Benefits Of Dual Certification With NSF

- > Bundled certification audits
- > Access to both food equipment and drinking water system components markets
- > Independent proof of compliance with applicable U.S. legal requirements for drinking water as well as food contact
- > Inclusion of your product in NSF's online certification listings under both food equipment and drinking water system components categories, giving you increased exposure to different buyers
- > The option of using a single globally-recognized NSF mark on your products and marketing materials for both certifications
- > Comprehensive support of your brand by the most trusted name in food and water safety

FAQ

Why would I get both certifications?

If your material or component is used in drinking water systems, certification to NSF/ANSI 61 is the health effects standard you will need. Other performance-based standards may be recommended or required. If it can also be used for other applications, including hot water or beverages, for instance in a beverage machine or other food equipment, certification to NSF/ANSI 51 is also recommended.

Where can I sell my product?

In addition to certification, NSF has expertise to help you access markets worldwide. Contact us directly to see how we can help with your specific situation.

Which type of products can be certified?

Products that can be certified to either or both standards include materials; finishes; components such as pumps, valves and flow meters; and nonmechanical items such as flexible connectors, tubing, gaskets, plastic material and resins. For food contact compliance, products are reviewed to the requirements of NSF/ANSI 51 for food equipment materials. In general, a product or component is listed under the NSF standard covering the type(s) of equipment it can be used in.

Is there a cost savings in combining certifications?

Although the requirements are different, bundled audits directly translate into savings for you.

Where can I find NSF certified products?

- > **NSF/ANSI 51:** Hundreds of manufacturers are certified to NSF/ANSI 51. The full list can be found on our [website](#).
- > **NSF/ANSI 61:** Thousands of manufacturers are certified to NSF/ANSI 61. The full list can be found on our [website](#).

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