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3-A TPV Certified Conformance Evaluations: Six (6) Month Virtual Trial

The 3-A Sanitary Standards organization is establishing a six (6) month trial that will start with the finalization of this Bulletin by 3-A SSI and accept either traditional or “virtual” Third Party Verifications (TPV’s) certified conformance evaluations at the discretion of the 3-A Certified Conformance Evaluator (CCE) for either the renewal or granting of an initial 3-A or RPSCQC symbol. Consideration should be given for small equipment and components that can be shipped to the CCE so the CCE can conduct a direct evaluation, with the remainder of the TPV requirements addressed in a virtual manner.

This allowance for virtual conformance evaluations will not apply to a new 3-A symbol application for Batch Pasteurizers (24-), which will require the traditional on-site TPV conformance evaluation. Requests for a new 3-A symbol authorization for Inlet and Outlet Leak Protector Plug-Type Valves (56-) will require the CCE to obtain a representative valve from the manufacturer in order to complete the conformance evaluation. The “virtual” TPV certified conformance evaluation option does not apply to 3-A Accepted Practices at this time.

This six (6) month trial allowing “virtual” evaluations will require conformance to applicable requirements found in the 3-A TPV Manual currently in effect for traditional conformance evaluations and CCEs are expected to continue electronic document submission using the 3-A CCE “Portal” for those documents identified in the TPV manual (see references below). If the CCE chooses the “virtual” evaluation option, the CCE shall indicate this in the “location” section of the TPV Cover Page. As a reference, the major applicable sections of the TPV manual related to information to be submitted by a CCE for a traditional or “virtual” conformance evaluation are listed below.

C TPV INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR 3-A SYMBOL AUTHORIZATION

C1 Notice to Applicants

C2 Format of TPV Report for 3-A Symbol Authorization

C2.2 Report Language

C2.3 Cover Page

C2.4 Supplemental Information Sheet(s)

C2.5 Verification Checklist Pages

C3 TPV Procedures for 3-A Symbol Authorization: Note that any references to “on-site” or “physical” are encouraged where possible, but this requirement has been temporarily suspended during the 6-month pilot

E TPV FOR 3-A RPSCQC

E1 Eligible Applicants

E2 Notice to Applicants

E3 Format of TPV Report for 3-A RPSCQC

E3.2 Report Language

E3.3 Cover Page

E3.4 Supplemental Information Sheet(s)

E3.5 Verification Checklist Page

E4 TPV Procedures for 3-A RPSCQC: Note that any references to “on-site” or “physical” are encouraged where possible, but this requirement has been temporarily suspended during the 6-month pilot