

3-A Sanitary Standards, Inc.

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The 3-A Symbol Licensing Program

- To be authorized to display the 3-A Symbol, an applicant must first have a piece of equipment that conforms to the criteria of a 3-A Sanitary Standard.
- The applicant must then sign a licensing Agreement and becomes the licensee for the authorization.

The licensing agreement obligates the licensee to the following:

- Comply with all 3-A Rules and policies
- License ends in one year but renewable
- License is non-transferable
- Use of Symbol only on conforming equipment
- 3-A has the authority to terminate for failure to conform
- Licensee is legally responsible for any nonconforming actions taken by others,

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- The 3-A SSI staff and members of the Board of Directors routinely look for the use of the 3-A Symbol in Trade Journals and on Websites.
- All users of 3-A Sanitary Standards (regulators, industry users, and fabricators) are encouraged to report whenever the 3-A symbol is suspected of being misused.

Instances of misuse are reacted to swiftly to assure the integrity of the 3-A Symbol.

The offenders are contacted and requested to cease and desist the improper use of the 3-A Symbol.

If necessary, 3-A SSI is prepared to take legal action.

The Report of Alleged Nonconformance

All users of 3-A Sanitary Standards (regulators, industry users, and fabricators) are encouraged to submit a RAN whenever nonconformance to a standard is suspected.

The report shall contain all the necessary information for 3-A SSI to support the allegation, including:

1. Model;
2. Serial Number (if available);
3. Physical location (address, phone and fax numbers);
4. Applicable 3-A Sanitary Standard(s)
5. All criteria for which conformance is not met and the reasons, including quantitative measurements, if appropriate; and
6. Any other appropriate documentation.

Following the submission of the Report

- All interested parties are notified.
- The responsible party is identified.
- An informal resolution is attempted.
- Formal resolution by the IC.
- Notification of resolution to all interested Parties.
- Resolution must be accomplished in a reasonable time.

Thank You



Questions