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USE OF NON-REFERENCED 3-A SANITARY STANDARDS AND 3-A ACCEPTED PRACTICES DURING TPV EVALUATIONS

The following guidance shall be used by the CCE when performing Third Party Validation (TPV) evaluations. This guidance is effective immediately upon receipt and shall be used until revoked or when included in an up-date of the TPV Manual.

The 3-A SSI Procedures provide for:

- a) The development of new 3-A Sanitary Standards and 3-A Accepted Practices at any time, and
- b) The routine review and updating as necessary of existing documents on a 5-year cycle.

It is a common occurrence during the interval between the development and subsequent 5-year reviews for new 3-A Sanitary Standards and 3-A Accepted Practices to be developed that impact on other existing 3-A Sanitary Standards and 3-A Accepted Practices. It is the intent of the 3-A SSI that these new 3-A Sanitary Standards be utilized as the required criteria for the specified equipment when TPV evaluations are conducted.

3-A SSI does not wish for Fabricators and Users, who actively support the 3-A Symbol Authorization Program, to be penalized by the lag time of this routine 5-year review and up-dates policy. Therefore, during TPV evaluations, CCEs are to use the required criteria of the new, appropriate 3-A Sanitary Standards for components or appurtenances even though the base 3-A Sanitary Standard of the equipment being evaluated may not properly reference these new 3-A Sanitary Standards.

This policy does not apply to the provisions of the Format and Style Manual. This document is for 3-A Sanitary Standards and 3-A Accepted Practices development only. The Format and Style Manual is not an appropriate document to be applied during a TPV evaluation.