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HANDLING HYBRID EQUIPMENT DESIGNS

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

Creative design and progressing technology will occasionally produce an item which possesses characteristics covered by two or more 3-A Sanitary Standards. This raises the question of how or should a TPV evaluation be performed.

3-A SSI supports creative design advances, and does not wish to disrupt 3-A Symbol Authorizations or marketing of a new product. However, the integrity of the 3-A Sanitary Standards must be maintained. Please apply the following guidance if you encounter a hybrid design.

1. Do not attempt to assign conformance with more than one 3-A standard based on the criteria of those standards. Each TPV conformance may be assigned only according to the criteria presented in a single standard.
2. Do not attempt to “force fit” the design feature(s) into an existing standard if the feature is not clearly identified in that standard. This applies even if the feature meets criteria described in another standard.
3. Inform the applicant that before a TPV evaluation can be conducted, the base standard must be amended to incorporate any new criteria. Such amendment may be done using the “Fast Track” method for noncontroversial topics, if the feature is deemed acceptable and described by criteria in another standard.
4. For additional guidance, present the issue to the Director of Standards & Certification Programs. The issue will be evaluated informally by the Director and the Chair of the TPV Coordinating Committee. If an informal decision is not possible or an appeal of the informal decision is requested, the issue will be forwarded to the Interpretations Committee for a binding decision.