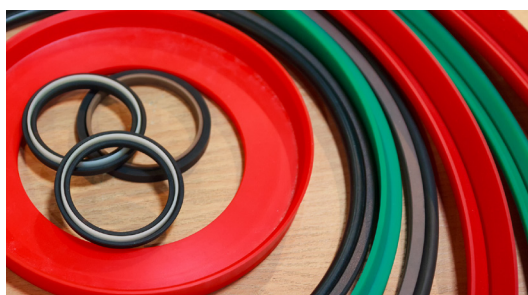




CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR GASKET FABRICATORS AND REPACKAGERS

- > **Company applies for certification and provides a signed contract, product information form and parts list /formulation.**
- > **A technical review is conducted on the submitted information to determine testing requirements.**
 - If the forms identify use of any non-certified elastomeric materials for repackaging or cutting, or if they identify the addition of any other chemicals/materials such as talc to keep gaskets from sticking together, testing may be required.
 - The certifications of the base products must be no less stringent than the listing of the repackaged or cut products and be of the same material type. (E.g. a cut gasket cannot be sold as commercial hot if the base certified material is certified for cold water use only or domestic hot.)
 - If the company is seeking authorization on a broad range of NSF certified product to repack or cut, the company shall specify the selection criteria that assures equivalence (e.g. Be of the same material type; certified for the same or higher water contact temperature; certified for an equivalent or greater SAV greater than their certification)
- > **NSF issues a Registered Formulation that includes identification of the source materials being repackaged.**
- > **NSF conducts an initial facility inspection before certification. The following items are checked at the initial audit.**
 - Verification of:
 - Suppliers of NSF/ANSI 61 certified gaskets/materials
 - Material type
 - Trade designations
 - No additional materials are added to the repackaged or cut products



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- Verification that company segregates NSF/ANSI 61 certified materials from non-certified materials/products.
 - Verification that storage and handling procedures are designed to prevent contamination in cutting or repackaging of materials and products.
 - Review labeling of shipped products (packaging or documents shipped with products) to verify labels contain:
 - NSF/ANSI 61 mark
 - Company (repackager/cutter) name or identification
 - Facility location (city, state or country)
 - Trade name of product
 - Production identifier (lot number, date code, etc.)
 - This should be in the form of a material certification containing the information shown with each shipment. This can be internally generated with back-up paper work retained from supplier.
 - Mass Balance Calculations
 - Record quantity of NSF/ANSI 61 products/material received in past year.
 - Record quantity of NSF/ANSI 61 products sold.
 - Does the quantity sold exceed the quantity of products received or the surface areas of the products sold exceed the surface area of the material received?
- > **Upon successful audit and any applicable testing, certification is granted and the listing is placed on the NSF website: <http://www.nsf.org/certified-products-systems>.**
- > **Unannounced facility audit and testing (if applicable) is conducted on an annual basis to maintain certification status.**