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IDENTIFYING HOSE ASSEMBLIES DURING TPV EVALUATIONS

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 a *TPV Manual* update.

Identification of hose assemblies covered by 3-A Sanitary Standard 62- has been an ongoing problem for CCEs performing TPV evaluations, users, and regulatory inspectors wishing to verify that a hose assembly has been authorized to display the 3-A Symbol. The following shall be the only two acceptable methods of identification of hose assemblies evaluated during a TPV inspection for symbol authorization.

Method 1

The hose assemblies shall be identified by the type of coupler fitting and type of hose used to fabricate the assembly. For example:

“Seal Rite series SL fitting in conjunction with Flex Rite R series, P series, S series, TRS and TSC hose”

Method 2

The hose assemblies shall be marked with a unique model number designated by the fabricator. For example:

“Model numbers 56XE, 56LE, 56TE, 56ZX, SR123, SR456, SR789, P1234, P987, PK32, 2436-9, 3435-22”

The hose assembly shall bear the appropriate identification marks.

Hose assemblies identified by Method 1 shall have the type of fitting “Seal Rite Series SL” embossed on the fittings, and the hose shall be identified by a banner strip of the series type, “---- Flex Rite Series R---” or “--- Flex Rite R ---” printed on the hose. Hose assemblies identified by Method 2 shall have the unique model number embossed on the fittings.

The TPV evaluation shall verify that appropriate, conforming, components are used. Fabricators using Method 2 shall have a model number key on file which identifies the type of fitting and hose used for each unique model number designation.

Each firm, OEM, or distributor marketing a hose assembly authorized to display the 3-A Symbol under their brand name shall be the authorized Symbol holder. A distributor shall not purchase components from an authorized OEM, fabricate the hose assembly and market it under a name different from that of the OEM without applying for Symbol authorization under their marketing name. A distributor may purchase components from an authorized OEM, fabricate the hose assembly and market it under the name of the OEM.