

## NON-GMO CERTIFICATIONS

NSF provides two Non-GMO certification programs: the Non-GMO Project Verification program and the NSF Non-GMO True North Certification program. These programs provide GMO transparency for a wide range of ingredients and products at every step of the production chain.



### Benefits of Certification

- ▶ Authorized by Vermont's Attorney General's office to verify products not produced with genetically engineered ingredients.
- ▶ Protection for your brand's reputation for increased consumer confidence
- ▶ Ability to meet consumer and retailer demand for GMO transparency
- ▶ Comprehensive risk management
- ▶ Time and money savings by bundling your non-GMO verification with other food and label claim certifications
- ▶ Guidance from NSF International, The Most Trusted Name in Food Safety™

### Bundle to Save

NSF can combine your Non-GMO certification with other certifications to save you time and money. We can combine your Non-GMO Certification with:

- ▶ Gluten-Free
- ▶ BRC
- ▶ USDA Organic
- ▶ PrimusGFS
- ▶ GLOBALG.A.P.
- ▶ CanadaGAP
- ▶ SQF

### Choosing the Non-GMO Project or the NSF Non-GMO True North

While the Non-GMO Project Verification and NSF Non-GMO True North Certification marks are both accepted by retailers and the state of Vermont, depending on your target consumer, customer requirements, and operation type one program may be better suited for your company than the other. Here are some differences between the two certifications:

- ▶ Vitamins and minerals are exempt from NSF Non-GMO True North and processing aids and enzymes are exempt, *provided they do not contribute to GM/GE content in excess of 0.9%*
- ▶ Non-GMO Project does not require a full evaluation of co-packers for up to three years.
- ▶ Organic certification for ingredients is accepted as evidence of compliance for NSF Non-GMO True North
- ▶ NSF Non-GMO True North has only a high-risk/low-risk ingredient classification
- ▶ NSF Non-GMO True North requires a risk assessment, which helps determine the need for an announced or unannounced onsite audit.
- ▶ The Non-GMO Project Verification mark is the most widely recognized Non-GMO mark.

## VERIFICATION PROCESS

Your NSF project manager will serve as your navigator guiding you through the step verification process:

### Step 1: Application and service contract with quote.

You submit an initial application fee and site list describing your company and products. This information helps NSF International establish a quote. To complete this step, send us the signed contract and quote along with your risk assessment fee payment to get started.

### Step 2: Document Submission

You submit detailed information about the processes and product(s) for review. This includes risk assessment, SOPs, production facilities and copackers information.

### Step 3: Document Review

An NSF International technical evaluator reviews the documents you have submitted. We may ask for clarification or more information during the review.

### Step 4: On-Site Inspection (in certain cases)

In certain cases, NSF will need to schedule an on-site inspection of production facilities. This is determined by review of your risk assessment.

### Step 5: Corrective Action Review and Certification Decision

Any required corrective action responses will be reviewed for compliance and a certification decision is made.

### Step 6: Certification and Ongoing Compliance

Congratulations! Products approved for certification are now eligible to use your Non-GMO mark. An annual renewal evaluation will take place from this point forward. Products and facilities can be added to the scope mid year.

To get started, send an inquiry to [consumervalues@nsf.org](mailto:consumervalues@nsf.org).