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Subject: There Are NO NSF/ANSI-61 Certified (SBR) Red Sheet Rubber Options For Drinking Water Applications

For several decades low cost red styrene butadiene (SBR) was the industry standard for potable water gasket applications. If you do a quick web search of a typical flange gasket, you would find dozens of suppliers of low cost red SBR.

As a gasket cutter and rubber converter, the quality that you procure is what you supply. Savvy water industry suppliers are aware that gasket materials must be NSF/ANSI 61 Certified. It has been four years since the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) was revised and implemented, we all know the drill. As of January 2014, all components in potable water applications including gaskets and seals are to meet the low lead requirements by law. NSF-61 and NSF-372 certified products allow a product to meet these requirements.

According to Theresa Bellish, General Manager of Municipal and Recreational Water Product & Chemical for NSF International: There is no evidence of any certified red SBR sheet rubber product in our listings. We can accurately attest that if someone is providing red SBR sheet rubber in rolls using the NSF logo, they are giving false information and should be reported to NSF International's Compliance Department.

NSF International does not currently have any certified red SBR sheet rubber.



NSF/ANSI-61 certification can be easily verified on NSF International's website for authenticity. As a supplier, this should be of vital concern. The best policy is to have copies of certifications on record before supplying an application as critical to public health as potable water. American Biltrite's certification is accessible both on the NSF International site as well as our own website.

These contaminants found in water after typical non-certified SBR testing disqualified the material. These impurities proved the material was not certifiable by NSF International. Some of these are serious human carcinogens:

- Free Styrene
- Benzothiazole
- Mercaptobenzothiazole
- Nitrosamine
- Phthalates
- Lead

American Biltrite has compiled a detailed list of the devastating health effects of these contaminants. This report is available upon request. Once you resell the product it becomes your liability, your reputation. Any risk is too great when public health and safety is at stake. Insist on materials listed on NSF's website, and enjoy the peace of mind that comes with certification by the most reputable agency in the water industry. Proudly display the blue NSF logo, evidence of your company's commitment to quality, compliance, and safety. Please contact us for questions, concerns, or quotation



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