



Acceptance of End-Product Components

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



As a manufacturer, you may find yourself having to source component parts from new suppliers in various locations to address the disruptions in your supply chain, caused by a pandemic (such as COVID-19) or trade restrictions.

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General

Q: I've finally managed to locate an end-product component to interchange with one that's no longer available. But my current certification provider won't accept it because it was certified by a different certification body. Can CSA Group help me with this?

A: Yes, of course. With your current provider, it sounds as though you'll either have to endure the time and expense of re-certifying the component or the time and (possible) expense of finding another one. At CSA Group, we accept components from any and all accredited certification bodies, per our acceptance criteria. This enables you to broaden the scope of your component search and saves you both time and money.

Q: What if I want to use the same component in another end-product?

A: You can do that. Once CSA Group has accepted a component certified or accepted by another certification body, we will have obtained a complete copy of the report and test records. A copy of the acceptance

Fast Facts



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documents will be housed in a folder accessible to all of our Certifiers. Should you use the component in another application, the Certifier can refer to the documents in the folder and use them as a basis for acceptance of the component for the new application.

Q: What are the criteria for having an end-product component accepted?

A: The basic acceptance criteria are the same whether the components relate to **electrical, gas or plumbing**-related end-products:

- The component must have been evaluated to the appropriate standard.
- The component, as constructed and rated, is suitable for use in the intended end product.
- CSA Group will obtain the rating information from the certification body's documentation and not from the manufacturer's literature.
- CSA Group will record the results of any additional testing required, and the conditions of acceptability in the end-product's Certification Report.
- If the component does not bear appropriate certification markings, it will be treated as an uncertified component. (Exceptionally small components may be treated differently.)
- CSA Group will verify the status and correctness of a component's certification by reviewing the certification body's product listing. If a component's certification can't be verified, the component will be treated as uncertified.
- Components covered under the CSA Conformity Testing Program will undergo the appropriate conformity testing.
- **No component on the CSA "Component Watchlist" will be accepted.**

Additional criteria will apply to the various types of components and/or end products, whether for electrical, gas or plumbing applications.

Q: Where can I view the CSA Component Watchlist?

A: Please feel free to reach out to your CSA Certification contact to confirm whether or not the component you are considering is on our "Component Watchlist".

Electrical

Q: What are the additional criteria for having an electrical end-product component accepted?

A: For acceptance of an electrical component evaluated under the rules of the **IECEE CB Scheme**, both the general criteria and the **rules of CB scheme** shall apply.

For acceptance of an electrical or mechanical component evaluated under the rules of the **IECEX Scheme**, both the general criteria and the *Guidelines for Processing of Applications in the IECEx Scheme* shall apply.

For other criteria, covering **Recognized** electrical components, **CSA-accepted** components (through the CSA Component Acceptance Program) and those **certified by other organizations**, please refer to our fact sheet entitled: **Acceptance of End-Product Components**.



Gas

Q: What are the additional criteria for having a gas-related end-product component accepted?

A: For **gas**-related components certified by other organizations, the general criteria for component acceptance noted above will apply, and as well:

- CSA Group may accept listed gas components using the same criteria for CSA-certified gas components.
- The correct standard or other documents (TIL, etc.) that comprise a component's Recognition lie(s) within the current accreditation scope of the accredited certification body.
- For a Recognized gas component, CSA Group will review the component test and evaluation report to ascertain the full extent of the Recognition. Conditions of Acceptability may be used instead of a test report, provided that they are available and contain sufficient information.

Plumbing

Q: What are the additional criteria for having a plumbing-related end-product component accepted?

A: For **plumbing** with **DWPEP** components certified by other organizations, the general criteria for component acceptance noted above will apply. Additionally:

- CSA Group may accept plumbing with DWPEP components certified by a certification body accredited by SCC and/or ANSI
- The relevant standard must be within the scope of the accredited certification body.
- The manufacturer must provide the PMI (product material information).

For **plumbing** components for use in **spas, hot tubs** and **hydro-massage units** certified by other organizations, in addition to meeting the general criteria:

- CSA Group may accept such components certified by IAPMO or NSF using the same criteria as for CSA-certified components.
- The relevant standard, though, must be within IAPMO's or NSF's scope of accreditation by SCC and/or ANSI.

For **plumbing** components for use in **fittings** and **fixtures** certified by other organizations, in addition to meeting the general criteria:

- CSA Group may accept plumbing components for such use if they are certified by a certification body accredited by SCC and/or ANSI.

Q: What does DWPEP stand for?

A: Drinking Water Products Evaluation Program

Switching to CSA Group

Q: I'm thinking about switching from my current certification provider to CSA Group. How complicated would that be?

A: Not complicated at all. Switching from another certification provider to CSA Group is a simple three-step process:

- First, you send us the reports from your current provider.
- Then our technical experts will review the certification and inspection reports – and conduct additional testing, if necessary.
- Once the review (and testing) is complete, your product is registered as a CSA-certified product, it's added to the CSA Group's online Product Listing and, most importantly, it's able to bear the CSA Mark of certification.

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