Repackaging UL Classified Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals

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Bulk shipments of drinking water chemicals are frequently repackaged into smaller units for distribution to various users. Even though these bulk chemicals are certified by UL to ANSI/NSF 60, there may be confusion regarding the applicability of this certification once the chemicals are repackaged.

Companies whose products have been evaluated by UL and have been found to comply with the requirements of ANSI/NSF Standard 60 are authorized by UL to place the UL Water Quality Classification Mark on the package of the product, or in the case of bulk shipped chemicals, on a certificate or bill of lading. The product is considered UL Classified while it remains in the original container in which it was shipped.

Some bulk shipped UL Classified drinking water treatment chemicals are received at repackaging or distribution facilities, and are transferred into a truck or another shipping container for delivery to a customer. The repackaging/distribution operation can possibly contribute contaminants to the product that would render it out of compliance with ANSI/NSF Standard 60, and would therefore not be eligible to bear the UL Water Quality Mark.

UL has a program intended to address the specific concerns that arise when UL Classified products are transferred at such a facility. In order for repackaged products to be authorized to bear the UL Water Quality Classification Mark, the facility must be covered under UL’s Follow-Up Service (FUS) program.

In many cases, testing is required to determine that the transferred product continues to meet the requirements of the standard. In addition, the quality assurance program at the transfer facility, and related documentation, must be audited by UL as part of its FUS program.

Transfer facilities that are not covered under UL’s FUS program are not authorized to mark the product as UL Classified or to claim in any other manner that the transferred product is UL Classified.

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