



## National Homeopathic Product Certification Board

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### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **New Initiative Will Create National Standards for Homeopathic Products**

***NSF to conduct ANSI-accredited standards development process under contract with NHPCB***

#### **Standards will bolster consumer confidence and help create stability for industry**

The National Homeopathic Product Certification Board (NHPCB), a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring the quality and safety of homeopathic products, has signed a contract with NSF, a widely-recognized independent standards development organization, to facilitate the creation of voluntary consensus standards for homeopathic products in the United States. The NHPCB is sponsored and overseen by the American Institute of Homeopathy (AIH).

This initiative responds to a recommendation from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to the AIH that the homeopathy community pursue the development of “robust, accredited standards for homeopathic products” through an open consensus process pursuant to the requirements of a recognized accrediting organization, such as the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). These standards are intended to provide a comprehensive framework for homeopathic manufacturing that builds on the vital role the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States (HPUS) has played in protecting the integrity of homeopathic medicines for many decades.

“We have certification standards for the practice of homeopathy and accreditation standards for schools of homeopathy,” explained Todd Rowe, chair of the steering committee for the standards project at the NHPCB. “The best way to bolster confidence in homeopathic products and provide stability for manufacturers and brand owners is to create standards tailored to the unique requirements of homeopathic manufacturing in a manner that ensures quality and safety.”

The standards will be voluntary in that they are not required by the government, and they will be consensus standards because a broad and balanced group of stakeholders will sit on the committee tasked with their development. These stakeholders will include representatives from industry, public health and regulatory agencies, and users, that is, consumers and practitioners, assisted by scientific and technical advisors, Rowe explained.

Once the standards are in place, certification organizations such as NHPCB will be able to provide certification services for those manufacturers and brand owners wishing to demonstrate their adherence to those standards to the public, Rowe said.

NHPCB will now work in partnership with NSF to create standards that will be recognized by ANSI, a private, nonprofit organization that administers and coordinates the development of many voluntary standards and conformity assessment systems. ANSI will provide independent, third-party verification that these standards have been created through a process that meets broadly recognized criteria for fairness, openness and transparency. ANSI has posted the Homeopathic Product Standard Project Initiation Notice (PIN) at the following web address:

<https://share.ansi.org/Shared%20Documents/Standards%20Action/2025-PDFs/SAV5617.pdf> (see bottom of page 13).

“Following ANSI guidelines for creating standards will allow us to gain the trust we need for these standards to succeed,” Rowe said.

NSF will identify stakeholders to be invited to apply for membership on the standard-setting committee. NSF will be responsible for ensuring that the committee is balanced among members from all three groups: industry, public health and regulatory agencies, and users.

The standards development process is expected to take about two years. While these standards are voluntary and therefore not required by government entities, when published, they will offer homeopathic-specific guidance to the FDA, which oversees the manufacturing and sales of homeopathic products, while providing assurance of quality, safety, and transparency to homeopathy consumers and practitioners.

Rowe explained that ANSI-accredited standards carry significant credibility—federal agencies like the FDA are strongly encouraged to recognize and utilize them, often adopting such standards rather than creating their own regulatory frameworks. In this way, the NHPCB empowers the homeopathy community to take a more active and influential role in shaping the standards that govern homeopathic medicines.

Regarding a related development, Rowe added, “We are aware of efforts to pass legislation that would revamp federal law regarding the regulation of homeopathic product manufacturing. We welcome those efforts and believe the voluntary consensus standards developed through this process could provide substantial guidance for any future federal regulation of homeopathic products.”

For more information visit the following websites:

**NHPCB:** <https://certifiedhomeopathic.org/>

**NSF:** <https://www.nsf.org>

**ANSI:** <https://www.ansi.org>

**AIH:** <https://homeopathyusa.org>