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Summit Industrial Products Becomes the First Company in North America to Earn ISO 21469 Certification

NSF Certification Underscores Summit's Focus on Food Safety

ANN ARBOR, Mich. and TYLER, Texas – NSF today announced that KL Texas, L.P. (dba Summit Industrial Products), a worldwide leader in synthetic lubricant technology, is the first company in North America to receive Certification to ISO 21469: Safety of machinery - Lubricants with Incidental Product Contact -- Hygiene requirements.

According to a recent article in Machinery Lubrication,* it is estimated that a significant proportion (60 percent or greater) of U.S. food and beverage companies are not using incidental food-contact lubricants. This is important as only lubricants with incidental food contact may be safely used on machinery used for producing, manufacturing, packing, processing, preparing, treating, packaging, transporting, or holding food.



“Obtaining Certification to ISO 21469 is important to Summit because our customers in the food industry want assurance that the products they buy meet strict quality and safety standards,” said Summit President Fred Pate. “We believe by working with NSF to achieve independent certification, we not only improve the quality of our products, we also improve the confidence of our customers.”

ISO 21469 specifies hygiene requirements for the formulation, manufacture, use and handling of lubricants, which may come into contact with products during manufacturing or processing. The international standard applies to lubricants intended for use in food production, as well as cosmetic, pharmaceutical and animal feed industries.

“Certification to ISO 21469 by an independent, third party provides lubricant manufacturers with a means to obtain international acceptance for their products,” said Sarah Krol, NSF Business Unit Manager. “By obtaining certification, Summit is emphasizing their overall commitment to safety.”

To receive ISO 21469 Certification, Summit fulfilled all NSF Certification requirements. These include the following:

- **Formulation/label review** - which ensures that certified products are formulated with approved ingredients and that product labels are true and accurate.
- **Risk assessment** - ensures that the manufacturer has identified and evaluated the relevant hazards associated with the manufacture and use of the certified product.
- **Production facility audits** - confirm that all certification requirements are met and that quality assurance and quality control procedures are followed.
- **Annual testing** - sampling and retesting are conducted on an ongoing basis to verify the integrity of the product composition.

Summit's dedication to quality and to the environment is further demonstrated by its **ISO 9001:2000** Quality Management Systems registration, **ISO 14001:2004** Environmental Management Systems registration, and **OHSAS 18001:2007** Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems registration. Summit's products have been registered by NSF's Nonfood Registration Program since 2004. Summit also has Kosher and Halal certification for many of their food grade products.

Summit's lubricants will bear the [NSF Certification Mark](#) on their labels to demonstrate compliance to ISO 21469. Summit's certification is also listed on [NSF's Web site](#).

For more information about NSF's ANSI-accredited ISO 21469 Certification Program, please contact Sarah Krol, Business Unit Manager, NSF's Nonfood Compounds Registration Program, at nonfood@nsf.org or (734) 827-6841. NSF International is currently the only organization offering American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited ISO 21469 Certification.

Reference

* Saurabh Lawate, The Lubrizol Corporation, "What You Need to Know About Food-grade Lubricants." Machinery Lubrication Magazine, July 2007.

About Summit: KL Texas, L.P. (dba Summit Industrial Products) is a manufacturer of specialty lubricants designed primarily for air, gas and refrigeration applications (www.klsummit.com). Founded in Houston in 1982, the company has grown through the creation of an extensive distribution network throughout the United States and the world. It offers a broad range of products for food applications including air compressor, gear and hydraulic oils. The company was acquired by Klüber Lubrication (Munich, Germany) in 1996.

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