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### **3-A SSI Announces Withdrawal of 3-A Symbol Authorization**

**McLEAN, Virginia** – 3-A Sanitary Standards, Inc. (3-A SSI) announces the revocation of a current 3-A Symbol license due to the need for corrective actions for equipment manufactured in accordance to 3-A Sanitary Standard #68-00, *Ball-type Valves*. The action concerns equipment manufactured by Chiang Sung Enterprise Co., Ltd. (CSE) for models of ball-type valves listed in 3-A Symbol authorization #1327.

The 3-A SSI action was made in accordance with provisions of the 3-A Sanitary Standards, Inc. *Manual for Third Party Verification for 3-A Symbol Authorization and 3-A Process Certification*. The ball-type valves subject to the corrective action by CSE bear the 3-A Symbol and are sold under the model designations 'Ball Valve Series Y Clamp & Weld Ends'. The *Manual* provides for CSE to send notice of this action to all customers of record since January 15, 2008, the date of the most recent independent Third Party Verification (TPV) Report of Conformance.

The action announced by 3-A SSI applies only to equipment listed in the CSE 3-A Symbol authorization #1327 for equipment manufactured to 3-A Sanitary Standard #68-00. CSE maintains three other 3-A Symbol authorizations for equipment manufactured under 3-A Sanitary Standards #58-00, *Vacuum Breakers and Check Valves*; #65-01, *Sight and/or Light Windows and Sight Indicators in Contact with Product*; and #63-03, *Sanitary Fittings*.

3-A SSI issues certificates of 3-A Symbol authorization to licensees that agree to meet specific conditions for use of the 3-A Symbol. Voluntary use of the 3-A Symbol on dairy and food equipment assures processors that equipment meets sanitary standards, provides accepted criteria to equipment manufacturers for sanitary design, and establishes guidelines for uniform evaluation and compliance by sanitarians.

3-A SSI maintains a list of 3-A Symbol holders, both current and discontinued, on the 3-A SSI web site at [http://www.3-a.org/symbol/3-a\\_symbol\\_holders.pdf](http://www.3-a.org/symbol/3-a_symbol_holders.pdf). The public list is available to assist fabricators, processors, regulatory sanitarians and other interested parties identify the type of equipment and the suppliers that hold a current 3-A Symbol authorization and license.

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