

Quick Reference Guide to Categories

Below are the lists of the NSF category codes. You will find the category of product, it's NSF code and the intended usage of the product.

Table 1. Category Codes – Proprietary Substances

Category	Category Code	Intended Use
Smoke Flavoring Agents	1	Natural and artificial smoke flavoring
Marking Agents	2A	Branding inks
	2B	Tattoo inks
	2C	Marking crayons
Food Processing Substances	3A	Poultry scald agents
	3B	Hog scald agents
	3C	Tripe denuding, bleaching and neutralizing agents
	3D	Substances for washing fruits and vegetables
	3E	Preflushing agents for casings
	3F	Refining agents for rendered fats
	3G	Rendering agents
	3H	Release agents
Denaturants	4A	Denaturants for meat requiring tankage
	4B	Denaturants for meat not intended for human food
	4C	Denaturants for poultry requiring tankage
	4D	Denaturants for poultry not intended for human food
Substances Requiring Letter Indicating Authorized Use	5A	Foam control in soups, stews, rendered fats, curing pickle
	5B	Substances for cleaning or treating feet or other edible parts
	5C	Miscellaneous



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Table 2. Category Codes – Nonfood Compounds

Category	Category Code	Intended Use
Cleaning Products	A1	General cleaners
	A2	Soak tank, steam/mechanical cleaners
	A3	Acid cleaners
	A4	Floor and wall cleaners
	A5	Freezer floor and wall cleaners
	A6	Scouring cleaners
	A7	Metal polishes – nonfood contact
	A8	Degreasers/carbon removers
	AX	Ingredients for use in Cleaning Products
Laundry Products	B1	Laundry products – food contact
	B2	Laundry products – nonfood contact
	BX	Ingredients for use in Laundry Products
Nonprocessing Area Products	C1	General
	C2	Toilet/dressing room
	C3	Paint removers
	CX	Ingredients for use in Nonprocessing Area Products
Antimicrobial Products	D1	Antimicrobial agents always requiring a rinse
	D2	Antimicrobial agents not requiring rinse
	DX	Ingredients for use in Antimicrobial Products
	W1	Wisconsin Sanitizer Program approved products
Hand Care Products	E1	Handwashing products
	E2	Handwashing and sanitizing products
	E3	Hand sanitizing products
	E4	Hand lotions/cleaners – nonfood contact
	EX	Ingredients for use in Hand Care Products
Pesticides	F1	Nonresidual pesticides
	F2	Residual pesticides
	F3	Rodenticides
	F4	Fumigants
	F5	Fumigants
	FX	Ingredients for use in Pesticides

Water Treatment Products	G1	General
	G2	Phosphate products
	G3	Silicate products
	G4	Chlorine products
	G5	Cooling and retort water treatment products - all food processing areas
	G6	Boiler treatment products - all food processing areas/food contact
	G7	Boiler treatment products - all food processing areas/nonfood contact
	G8	Cooling and retort water treatment products - all food processing areas except meat and poultry
	G9	Boiler treatment products - all food processing areas except meat and poultry/food contact
	G10	Boiler treatment products - all food processing areas except meat and poultry/nonfood contact
Lubricants	GX	Ingredients for use in Water Treatment Products
	H1	General – incidental contact
	H2	General – no contact
	H3	Soluble oils
	HX-1	Ingredients for use in H1 Lubricants (incidental contact)
	HX-2	Ingredients for use in H2 Lubricants (no contact)
Heat Transfer Fluids	HX-3	Ingredients for use in H3 Lubricants (soluble oils)
	HT-1	Heat transfer fluids - Incidental contact
	HT-2	Heat transfer fluids - no food contact
	HTX1	Ingredients for use in HT1 heat transfer fluids
Absorbents/Anti-slip agents	HTX2	Ingredients for use in HT2 heat transfer fluids
	J1	General
Solvent Cleaners	JX	Ingredients for use in Absorbents/Anti-slip agents
	K1	Nonprocessing area products
	K2	Electronic instrument cleaners
	K3	Adhesives/glue removers
Mold Release Agents	KX	Ingredients for use in Solvent Cleaners
	M1	Mold Release Agents
Drying Agents	N1	Drying Agents
Sewer and Drain Cleaners	L1	General
	L2	Enzymatic cleaners

	LX	Ingredients for use in Sewer and Drain Cleaners
Miscellaneous	P1	Miscellaneous
	PX	Ingredients for use in Miscellaneous Products
Shell Egg Products	Q1	General cleaners
	Q2	Destainers
	Q3	Quarternary ammonium chloride sanitizers
	Q4	Chlorine sanitizers
	Q5	Foam control products
	Q6	Iodine sanitizers
	QX	Ingredients for use in Shell Egg Products
Coatings	R1	Coatings for use on direct food contact surfaces
	R2	Coatings for use on structural surfaces
	RX-1	Ingredients for use in R1 Coatings
	RX-2	Ingredients for use in R2 Coatings



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