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# Product Certification Works for Officials, Manufacturers and Consumers Alike

**I**APMO R&T's product listing program was created to serve plumbing and mechanical officials in their enforcement of laws, codes and standards. In a competitive marketplace for these services, it's worthwhile to remember exactly why IAPMO R&T provides the services it does.

IAPMO R&T is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Standards Council of Canada (SCC) and the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) to act as an independent and authoritative conformity assessment body to operate a material and product listing and labeling (certification) system and is accepted globally by the Authorities Having Jurisdiction. These accreditations mean IAPMO R&T continually meets every requirement necessary to operate this program.

IAPMO R&T's Product Certification Committee, comprised of experts in the field, has met monthly since the early 1940s to review products and make certification decisions. IAPMO R&T's staff includes numerous engineers, many holding a professional engineer license, to aid this committee.

This committee consists of chief plumbing officials from different jurisdictions in United States and Canada, who are experts in the *Uniform Plumbing Code*<sup>®</sup> (UPC) and use the code in the day-to-day operation of their respective jurisdictions. They volunteer their time in performing this very important service to the public, and represent one of the best strengths of the IAPMO R&T listing program.

From a manufacturer's perspective, evaluation to the *UPC* by IAPMO R&T ensures their approval by jurisdictions that require such compliance. IAPMO R&T is the only certification agency who can authorize

the use of the *UPC* certification mark or *UPC*<sup>®</sup>.



*UPC* certification is the most recognized plumbing certification mark in North America and has been supporting the plumbing industry for decades. The acceptance of IAPMO R&T's mark of conformity has never been called into question. Having your products red tagged by inspectors due simply to unfamiliarity with a mark of conformity could cost not only money to resolve, but could also result in construction delays, which have sometimes resulted in litigation.

Recognizing the growing importance of water and energy conservation, IAPMO R&T also provides certification for the United States Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense and ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> programs, as well as certification to the IAPMO's *Green Plumbing and Mechanical Code Supplement*.

Find out more about IAPMO R&T by directing your Web browser to [www.iapmort.org](http://www.iapmort.org). 



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