

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Contact:** Anish Desai
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Ontario, Calif. (Dec. 17, 2015) – IAPMO R&T, North America’s premier third-party certification body for plumbing, mechanical, and water treatment products, has earned approval to begin certifying high-efficiency flushometer-valve water closets to the U.S. EPA’s new final specification for the WaterSense® consumer product-labeling program.

Flushometer-valve toilets are typically found in commercial, institutional, or industrial restrooms and have two main components – the toilet bowl and the flushometer valve. IAPMO R&T can provide independent certification to prospective WaterSense®-labeled models that meet the EPA’s water-efficiency and performance criteria, ensuring “both sustainable, efficient water use and a high level of user satisfaction with flushing performance.”

IAPMO R&T has been a licensed provider of WaterSense® certification since 2007, certifying the first high-efficiency toilet (HET) to the standard in April of that year. To date, IAPMO R&T has certified thousands of lavatory faucet, urinal, and showerhead models to the WaterSense® specifications. Products bearing the WaterSense® label must not only save water, but also perform as well as or better than conventional models on the market.

“We are excited to offer certification to the latest EPA WaterSense specification,” said Anish Desai, Vice President of Product Certification for IAPMO R&T. “Manufacturers of flushometer-valve water closets already trust IAPMO R&T for their certification needs, and we look forward to providing this additional valuable service.”

Manufacturers wishing to have their flushometer-valve water closets identified as meeting the WaterSense® criteria by bearing the WaterSense® label must have them certified as such by an approved third-party certification body such as IAPMO R&T, which is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and is an approved provider of certification services to WaterSense® specifications.

For more information on having products listed, contact Brenda Madonna (brenda.madonna@iapmort.org) at (877) 4-UPC-MARK. For more information on the WaterSense® Specification for Flushometer-Valve Water Closets, visit http://www3.epa.gov/watersense/partners/flushometer_valve_toilets_final.html.

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