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Foreword²

The purpose of this Standard is to establish minimum food protection and sanitation requirements for the materials, design, and construction of dinnerware used in food establishments. The requirements of NSF/ANSI 36 are applicable to plates, bowls, saucers, cups, tumblers, compartmentalized trays, dinnerware covers, and similar items.

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This revision updated the Normative References and boilerplate language in: 1.4 Measurement.

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NSF/ANSI Standard for Food Equipment – Dinnerware

1 General

1.1 Purpose

This Standard establishes minimum food protection and sanitation requirements for the materials, design, and construction of dinnerware products.

1.2 Scope

This Standard contains requirements for dinnerware intended for use in food establishments. The requirements herein are applicable to plates, bowls, saucers, cups, tumblers, compartmentalized trays, dinnerware covers, and similar items, regardless of size or configuration, from which food is consumed or served.

NOTE – NSF/ANSI 36 does not apply to glassware.

Dinnerware materials and components covered under other NSF or NSF/ANSI Standards or Criteria shall also comply with the requirements therein. This Standard is not intended to restrict new design, provided that such design meets the minimum specifications described herein.

1.3 Alternative materials, design, and construction

While specific materials, design, and construction may be stipulated in this NSF/ANSI Standard, dinnerware that incorporates alternate materials, design, or construction may be acceptable when such products meet the intent of the applicable requirements herein.

1.4 Measurement

Decimal and SI conversions provided parenthetically shall be considered equivalent. Metric conversions and significant figure rounding have been made according to IEEE/ASTM SI 10.

2 Normative references

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