



GLOBAL TESTING

WHO & ABWA

NTL's continuing efforts to improve services to meet the needs of the global bottled water industry have resulted in our new WHO 4th Edition test package. This package meets the bottled water annual testing requirements as outlined in the World Health Organization's Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality (First Addendum to Third Edition). This package was developed to also include additional analytes necessary to meet Appendix A of the Asia and Middle East Bottled Water Association (formerly Asia Bottled Water Association) Model Bottled Water Regulations.

The World Health Organization (WHO) is the United Nations specialized agency for health. WHO's objective as set out in its Constitution, is the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health. WHO's Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality provides a state-of-the art perspective on issues of water quality and health on effective approaches to water safety management. The Guidelines are used by countries world-wide as a scientific basis for standard-setting and regulation.

The Asia and Middle East Bottled Water Association (ABWA) holds members to a strict set of standards outlined in their Model Bottled Water Regulation Code. An International Bottler Member is a company which bottles or packages water in member countries and has obtained the mandatory product certification through officially appointed bodies. The Model Code, which outlines requirements of bottler members, is enforced through mandatory annual inspections/audits and certified plant operator programs.

-- Excerpts from WHO & ABWA websites

The bottled water testing requirements of several countries can be satisfied by this test package. Please contact one of our representatives to discuss the requirements for your countries of interest.

ABWI

Another package offered by NTL to serve our international customers is our ABWI package. This package meets the bottled water annual testing requirements as outlined in Appendix A of the Australian Bottled Water Institute's Standard of Quality.

The ABWI Model Code has been developed as a Standard of Excellence for the Production of bottled waters for the protection of consumers, bottlers and other participants of the industry.

The intent of the ABWI Model Code and the accompanying Plant Inspection Program is to assist bottler and source owner members in their endeavors to produce a quality product, providing information and direction with technical procedures and quality systems and standards. As a result, the requirements of the Model Code exceed those of mandatory food law as set by the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.

The ABWI Model Code requires members to undertake a rigorous and onerous testing regime. This includes obligatory daily, weekly and annual testing. ABWI considers this test regime to be essential.

-- Excerpts from ABWI Model Code

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