Submitting a Test-Exempt Application to the USDA BioPreferred® Program

Companies participating in the USDA BioPreferred Program may private label, or sell their products under another company’s brand. If, for example, **Company A** manufactures a USDA Certified Biobased Product that is sold under **Company B’s** brand, **Company B** can submit a test-exempt label application for this product (with the permission of **Company A**). Test-exempt label applications are certified directly after they are screened, skipping the testing phase of the certification process since the product has already been tested under the manufacturer’s (**Company A’s**) account.

Continuing the example above, **Company B** can create a company account following the directions in the Company Tools Tutorial (downloadable from [this page](#)).

Once a company account is created for **Company B**, the applicant can add a stand-alone product and apply for certification, as directed by the tutorial. When the applicant reaches this page:

![Screenshot of the USDA BioPreferred Program](image)

He or she should indicate that the product is test exempt. The Label ID for the already-certified product of the same formulation should be entered. The applicant will need to ask **Company A** for the Label ID. This indicates that **Company B’s** product is the same formulation as the product already-certified by **Company A**. The connection between companies and products is not visible to consumers viewing our catalog, and is kept confidential.

USDA BioPreferred Program staff will review the test-exempt application, and will contact the applicant from **Company B** with any questions. After any questions are resolved, the test-exempt application will be approved, and the product will be certified.