

USDA BIOBASED LABELING PROGRAM PROCESS

1. The Participant applies to the USDA through the label application link at: www.biopreferred.gov.
2. USDA emails the Participant that their application has been accepted, gives them an application number, and directs them to the ASTM website www.astm.org/certification.
3. The Participant should download and complete the ASTM Biobased Participant Agreement (available at www.astm.org/certification), and send to cert@astm.org.
4. The Participant will receive an email from ASTM confirming receipt and acceptance of the Biobased Participant Agreement. This email will direct the Participant to review the Operations Manual for the Biobased Product Certification Program and to download and complete a Documentation of Sample Selection by Manufacturer/Vendor Form (available at www.astm.org/certification). The Participant needs to include a copy of this form in the shipment of their sample to the accepted Laboratory, (see the list of Accepted Laboratories on ASTM's Certification website) with a copy to cert@astm.org.
At this time, the Participant should contact the laboratory to schedule testing.
5. The Laboratory has up to 15 days to test the sample once received. The Laboratory then has up to 10 days to send the test results to ASTM and the Participant.
6. ASTM will review the test results to determine if the biobased content of the product passes or fails the selected product category, and then send the results to the USDA.
7. USDA will contact the Participant with instructions on how to review the BioPreferred Brand Guidelines and Graphics Standards document, and download the product label.

