

Issuance of Certificate

According to the JHOSPA regular members' request, JHOSPA issues a certificate upon food utensils, containers and packaging materials raw material resins, additives, or colorants, when they are conformed to the Voluntary Standards.

A certificate will be issued to a food processor using food packagings and distributor of food packagings as well as a manufacturer of food utensils, containers and packaging materials and raw materials.

After compliance with the Voluntary Standards is confirmed in each step from raw material to final articles, a certificate is issued. There are three stages shown as below:



Raw material stage : Production of raw materials listed in the Positive List
 Example : Synthetic resins (pellet), additives, colorants

Material stage : Manufacturing materials for food utensils, containers and packaging materials made of raw materials shown in
 Example : Synthetic resins (film and sheet) and other materials

Final articles stage : Manufacturing food utensils, containers and packaging materials from or , or selling or using the end products
 Example : Packaging bags, lunch boxes, food trays, etc.

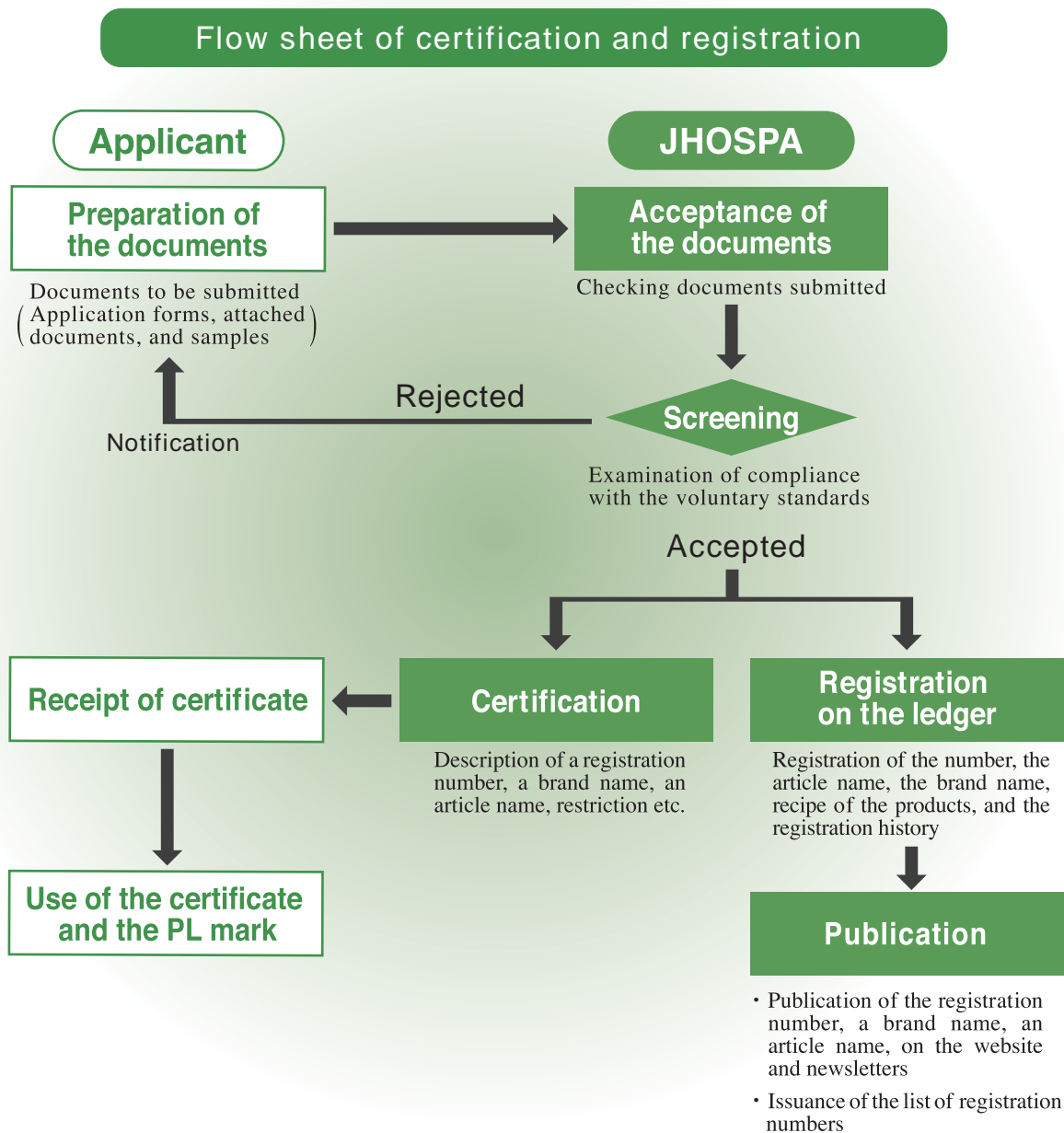
Manufacturer is responsible for these products as the product liability, the applicant must perform appropriate quality control including ensuring compliance with the voluntary standards.

Note : The voluntary standards do not cover the reprocessed resins and its products for food packaging, which are made from resins after using in the markets and consumers.

Confirmation and Registration

Upon issuance of a certificate, information such as the registration number, the date of registration, the article name, the brand name, mixing and compounding, and the certificate history are registered on the ledger prepared for each member.

The information of all confirmed and registered items can be followed up by checking the ledger. The ledger is not open to the public and is available to only the staff engaged in checking and examination. JHOSPA ensures that strict confidentiality is kept.



Use of JHOSPA PL Mark

JHOSPA regular members may affix or display the JHOSPA PL Mark, a registered trade mark of JHOSPA signifying confirmation of conformity with the applicable JHOSPA Standard, for products so registered with JHOSPA.

JHOSPA encourages the use of this PL Mark, as an effective means of promoting and expanding the utilization of hygienically appropriate materials for utensils, food containers, and packaging materials. It must be noted, however, that this Mark neither denotes nor implies any obligation or responsibility on the part of JHOSPA in relation to product liability.



Inspection System

JHOSPA conducts regular annual inspections after issuing a certificate for a confirmed and registered item to confirm the conformity with the voluntary standards. JHOSPA also conducts timely special inspections as necessary to solve problems and deal with complaints.

An external inspection institute conducts a regular annual inspection by using samples submitted upon application or collecting samples from goods on the market or registered products. A special inspection is conducted as part of the investigation of the causes of a problem or a complaint.

For every JHOSPA member, it is essential to conduct process control and maintain product quality so that a confirmed and registered item is manufactured as described on the application form.