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# CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

**Case Number: I-16-0051-O**



We investigated allegations that a company[1] had the NSF logo on its website. We determined that the company is located outside the United States[2] and indeed had the NSF logo, albeit an old version, on its webpage. The webpage did not, however, contain any statements or references to NSF.

Further investigative efforts identified that the company also had a social media webpage[3] which improperly displays the current NSF logo and NSF name without authorization. In addition, the company falsely misrepresented on its webpage that they had a certification from NSF. We also found that one of the company's suppliers[4] also made misrepresentations regarding NSF on its webpage.

We determined that the allegations were substantiated and sent a letter to the company requesting that it, along with its business affiliates and suppliers, refrain from misusing the NSF name and NSF logo, and falsely asserting that the company and/or its products have any type of approval or certification from NSF.

Accordingly, this case is ***closed.***

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