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# 1 About this Guide

This guide provides detailed information about how to use the e-CSF application. It is designed to be both an instructional guide and reference resource. This guide includes an overview of general e-CSF processes, instructions for completing each step, and directions for navigating the system. Since the system uses a "wizard" style, this guide will walk you through the process from start to finish.

#### 1.1 What You Will Find in This Guide

- An overview of the e-CSF process;
- Detailed steps for processing a CSF
- Generating the CSF form;
- Saving the form in XML format;
- Saving the form in PDF format;

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#### Conventions

Standard conventions for format and layout are used in this guide to make it easier for you to view and understand information. The conventions are as follows:

Item	Convention
Links	Underlined  Example: Select View Package.
Buttons	< <bold>&gt;; identified as a button  Example: Select &lt;&lt;<b>View Values&gt;&gt;</b> button</bold>
Column Heads	Bold Example: The package # is located in the <b>Package #</b> column.
Field Names	Bold Example: Enter the date in the <b>Front End Date</b> field in YYYY-MM-DD format (2008-04-13).
Page Name	Italics  Example: Select Edit Status to go to the Edit Package Status page.
Tabs	Bold  Example: Select the Notifications tab.
Note	Bold Italics  Example: Note: The following steps need to be completed first.

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## 2 Overview of the e-CSF Process

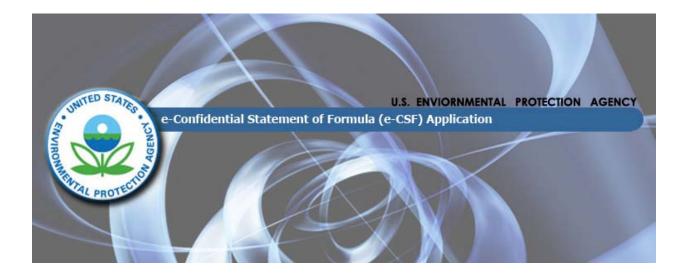
The e-CSF Application will be designed as a stand alone application to support the implementation of Pesticide Registration Information SysteM (PRISM), and will consist of a variety of commonly used software technologies and functional components. The application will be developed using java, and will leverage the use of popular java based open source software technologies, such as iText, JiBX, J2EE, and Ant. These technologies and others are further described in section 5.1. In addition to using robust development tools, the application will be downloadable from the EPA website to the desktop. This application will allow for a streamlined paperless process, as well improve access to critical decision documents, and make information readily available to those both within and outside of the Program.

The application will be designed with specific features to support the following functional areas:

- CSF Form Generation; and
- Data Entry.

In addition to the functional areas identified above, the application will incorporate design considerations that allow for future interfaces to the e-PRISM interface. Each of the functional areas identified above are described in further detail in section 3 of this document. The e-CSF Application will allow for form generation as a PDF directly through the application with the implementation of iText.

One of the primary objectives of the new e-CSF application is to be able to provide the first step to a paperless process. The future of e-CSF is the integration into the e-Submission portal. By leveraging open standards like XML, e-CSF can provide the means for transferring and importing data, in a more efficient manner.



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# 3 Getting Started

#### 3.1 Overview

This section provides the details and instructions necessary to access the e-CSF application. The e-CSF tool is a stand alone application. To connect to the tool, you need to have the appropriate computer hardware, software, and network access to download the application.

#### 3.2 Hardware and Software Requirements

The e-Submission system has been tailored to fit the existing network, storage, and server infrastructure at OPP facilities. The table below denotes the technology standards needed to successfully run the e-Submission system.

- Windows 2000, NT, or XP
- Internet Explorer 6.0, SP2 or above
- Pentium 4
- 512 MB RAM
- Monitor capable of displaying 1024 X 768 resolution

#### 3.3 Network Requirements

Network connectivity to the World Wide Web is recommended to download the application from the Environmental Protection Agency's website. However it is not required.

#### 3.4 Navigation

The e-CSF system is built in a "wizard" style to walk you through the process. This style provides clear sequential steps to accomplish tasks and seamlessly navigate from start to finish. Although each page has a button or link to display the next page or redisplay the current page with updated information, other navigational options are available. Below are the navigational methods used in e-CSF:

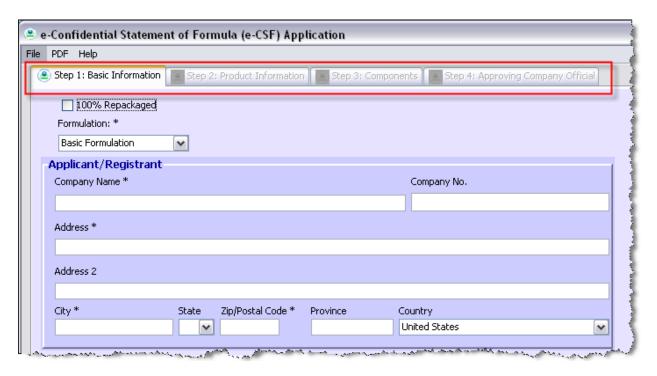
#### **Tabs**

You can navigate through the e-CSF system using the tabs at the top of your screen.

The tabs will take you through various steps of the CSF form:

- Basic Information
- Product Information
- Components
- Approving Official

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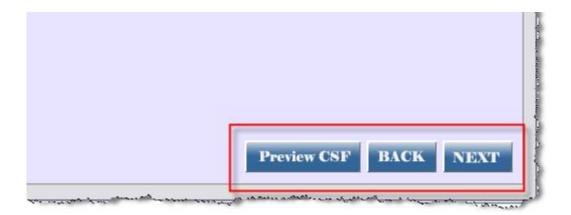


#### **Next and Back Buttons**

You can navigate through the e-CSF system using the Next and Back buttons at the bottom of your screen. See Figure 3.

The Next and Back buttons will also take you through various steps of the CSF form:

- Basic Information
- Product Information
- Components
- Approving Official



#### **External Links**

There are links within each page that take you to various external links for guidance that particular part of the form.

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**Note:** This will open a new browser window.



#### **Help Tips**

There are helpful tool tips throughout the application. When you click on a field within the application tool tips will appear to the side of the field explaining what should be entered in the field.

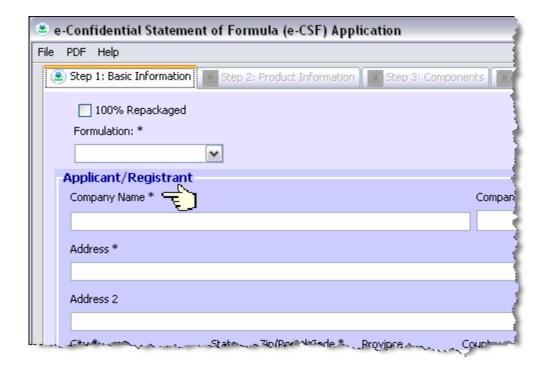


#### **Warning Messages and Required Fields**

Through out the application there are fields which are required to enter data. If there is no data provided or if the data is incorrect various warning messages will appear. The fields which are required are marked with an \*.

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### 4 New CSF

#### 4.1 Overview

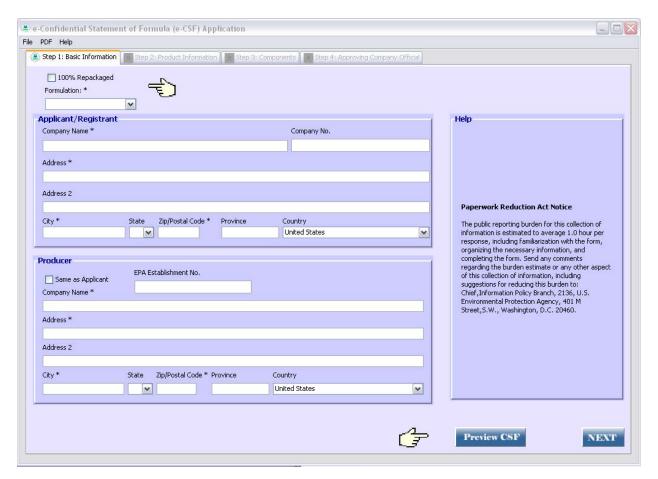
The e-CSF process begins when you open the application from your desktop. You will then be allowed to enter all the information about a CSF into the application. Each section of the application corresponds to a section in the EPA Form 8570-4. Once the form has been completed it can be saved to a PDF and XML document. Below are the steps for completing a new CSF:

#### 4.2 New CSF

In the Step 1: Basic Information tab:

- 1. Select Formulation from the drop down menu
- 2. Complete the Applicant/Registrant section with the name and address
- 3. Complete the **Producer** section with the name and address
- 4. Click the <<Next>> button to go to Step 2: Product Information tab

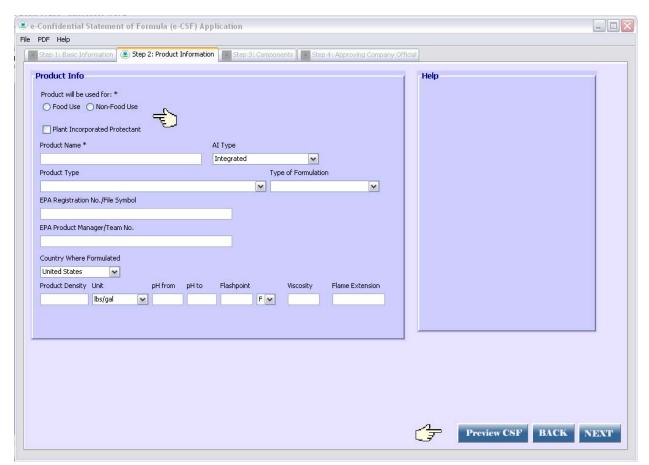
**Note:** You can "Preview" the CSF at any point through the process by clicking on the **<<Pre>review
CSF>> button.** 



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#### In the Step 2: Product Information tab:

- 1. Select Product Will Be Used For radio button
- 2. Determine if the CSF is a **Plant Incorporated Protectant**. See section 6.2
- 3. Complete the **Product Info** section with information about the product
- 4. Select the appropriate **Al Type** from the drop down menu
- 5. Select the appropriate **Product Type** from the drop down menu
- 6. Select the appropriate **Type of Formulation** from the drop down menu
- 7. Select the appropriate Country Where Formulated from the drop down menu
- 8. Once the appropriate fields are completed click the <<**Next>>** button to go to **Step 3: Components** tab.

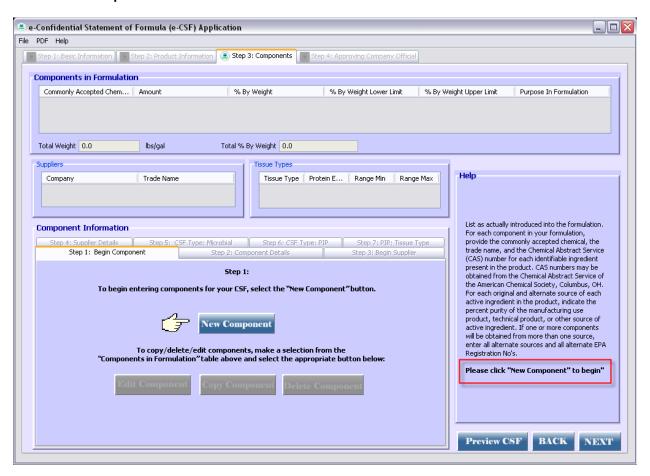


**Note:** If there are fields which need to be corrected select the <<**Back>>** button at any time.

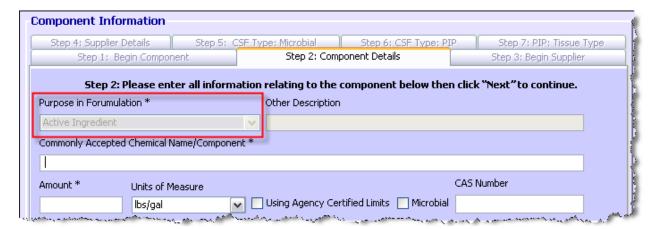
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#### In the Step 3: Components tab:

 Click on <<New Component>> button in Step 1: Begin Component, this will take you to Step 2: Component Details.



**Note:** The first component entered has to be an *Active Ingredient*. The **Purpose in Formulation Field** will automatically default.



2. Complete Step 2: Component Details tab with information about the component

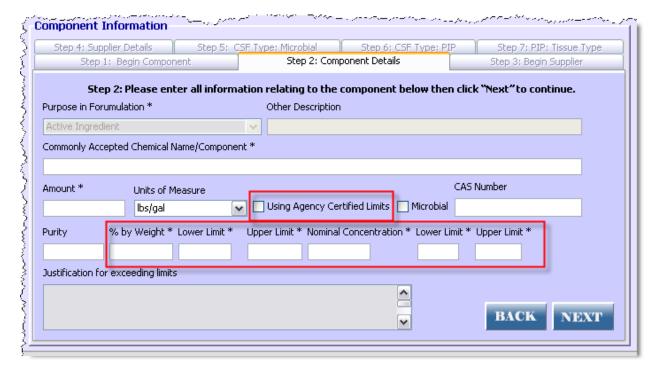
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3. Select the appropriate value in the **Purpose in Formulation** drop down menu.

**Note:** The **Unit of Measure** will automatically default to the appropriate value, based on the **Product Type** from **Step 2: Product Information** 

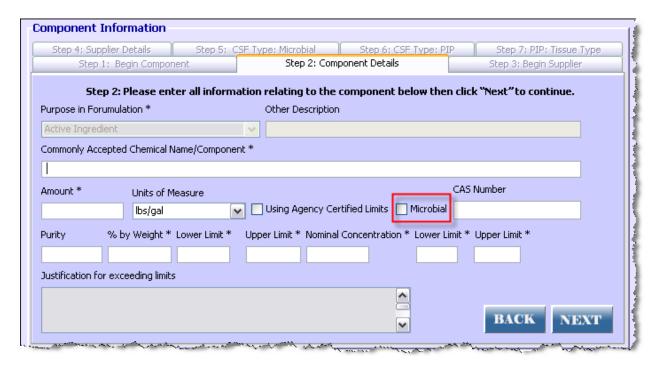
- 4. Select the appropriate **Unit of Measure**, if there is a need to change it
- 5. Verify with a *Check Mark* for **Using Agency Certified Limits**, if the limits are within these guidelines.

**Note:** The application will automatically calculate the **Upper and Lower Limits** for both the **% By Weight** and **Nominal Concentration** once entered. If the limits are exceeding then do not check off **Using Agency Certified Limits** 

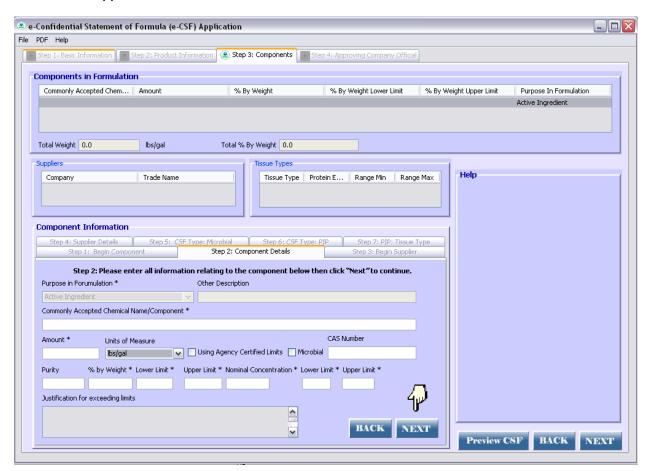


6. Determine if the CSF component is a **Microbial**. Verify with a *Check Mark* for **Microbial**. See section 5.2.

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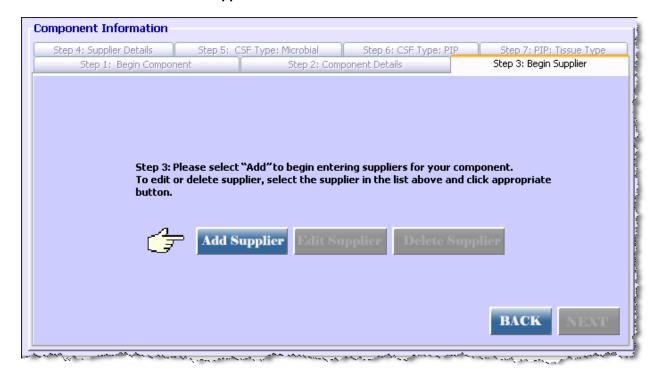


7. Once the appropriate fields are completed click the <<Next>> button to go to Step 3: Begin Supplier



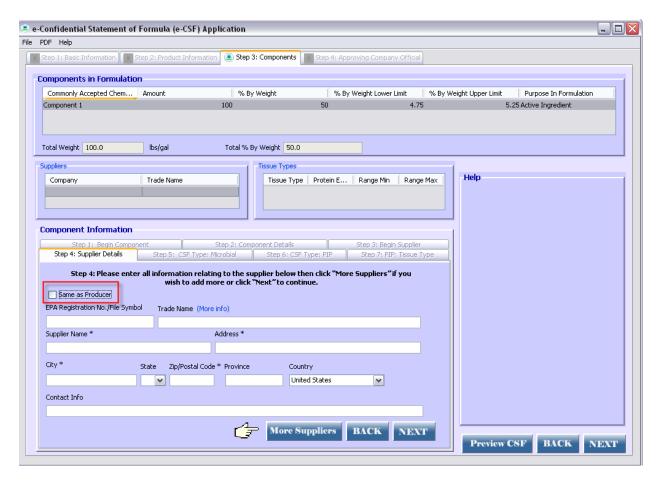
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8. Click on the << Add Supplier>> button



- 9. Complete Step 4: Supplier Details tab with information about the specific component's supplier
- 10. Verify with a *Check Mark* for **Same as Producer** if the information is the same

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11. Once the appropriate fields are completed, click the <<Next>> button.

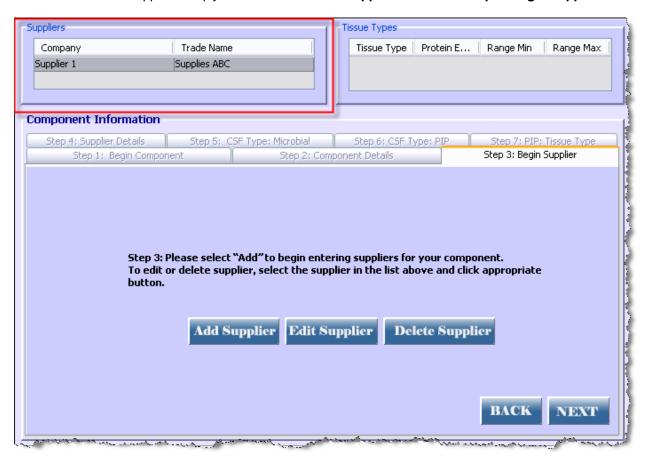
*Note:* Continue to click **<<More Suppliers>>** button for additional suppliers.

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**Note:** If you would like to delete a supplier from the supplier matrix follow the steps below:

To remove suppliers simply click on the << Delete Supplier>> button in Step 3: Begin Supplier tab.

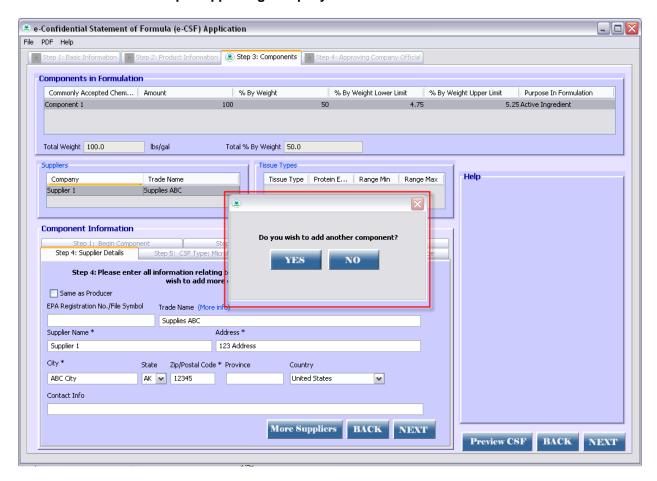


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- a. Click on the supplier in the Suppliers table. The entire line should be highlighted in grey
- b. Click the << Delete Supplier>> button to delete that supplier

**Note:** Similarly if you would like to edit a suppliers' information click on the <<**Edit Supplier>>** button in **Step 3: Begin Supplier** tab and follow the steps below:

- a. Click on the supplier in the **Suppliers** table. The entire line should be highlighted in grey
- b. Click the << Edit Supplier>> button to edit that supplier
- 12. Click the <<Next>> button, a pop up will appear verifying the need to add another component. If there are more components, select the <<Yes>> button, otherwise select the <<No>>> button, to move on to Step 4: Approving Company Official tab.



**Note:** If you select the **<<Yes>>** button, you will be brought back to **Step 1: Begin Component.** You can complete steps 1-10 for the each subsequent component.

**Note:** If you would like to delete a component from the component matrix follow the steps below:

To remove components simply click on the << Delete Component>> button in Step 1: Begin Componenttab.

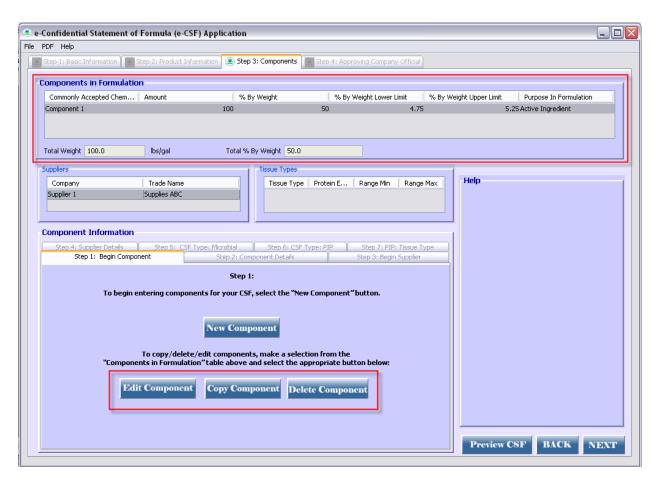
 Click on the component in the Components in Formulation table. The entire line should be highlighted in grey

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b. Click the << Delete Component>> button to delete that component

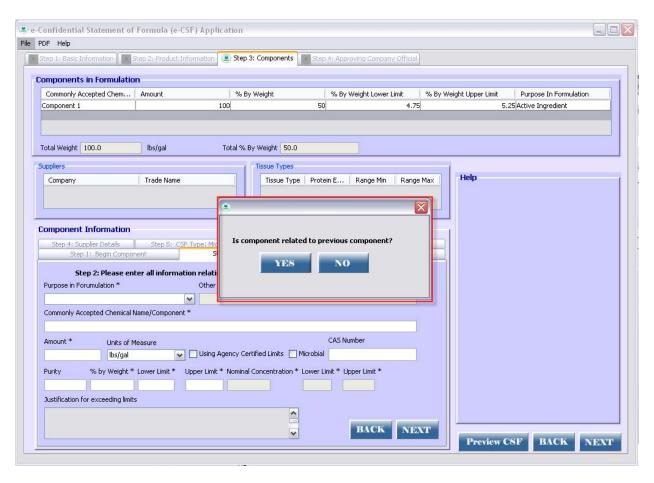
**Note:** Similarly if you would like to edit a components' information click on the <<**Edit Component>>** button in **Step 1: Begin Component** tab and follow the steps below:

- Click on the component in the Components in Formulation table. The entire line should be highlighted in grey
- b. Click the **<<Edit Component>>** button to edit that component



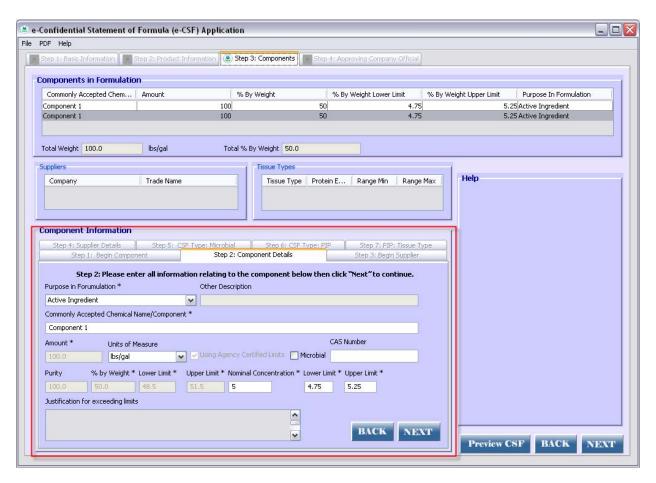
**Note:** If it is not the first component a pop up will appear, verifying if the new component being entered if related to the previous component. This would imply only the supplier is different with the two components. If this is true select the **<<Yes>>** button.

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If the **<<Yes>>** button was selected, the appropriate fields are pre-populated.

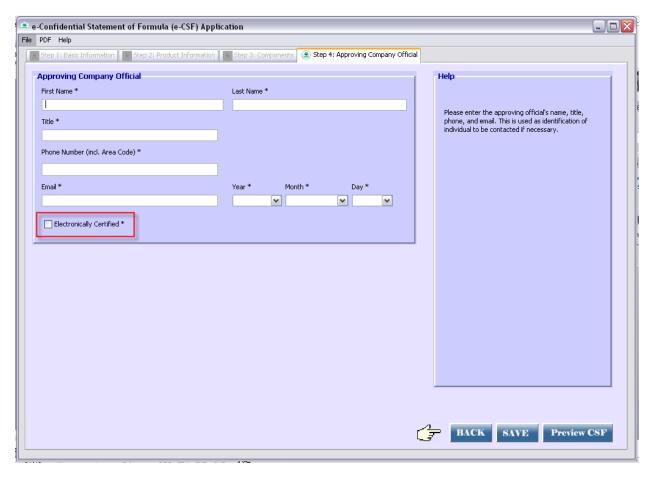
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#### In the Step 4: Approving Company Official tab:

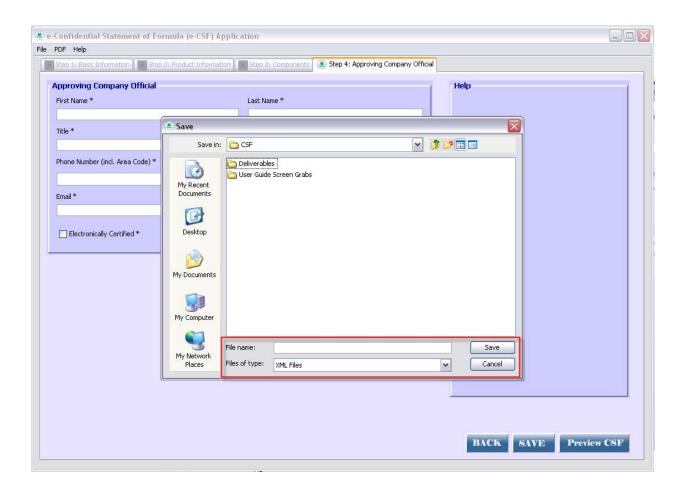
- 1. Complete the Approving Company Official section with information about the product
- 2. Once the appropriate fields are completed, verify with a *Check Mark* that the form is **Electronically Certified**

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3. Click the <<Save>> button to and name your file in order to save it as an XML file to your desktop

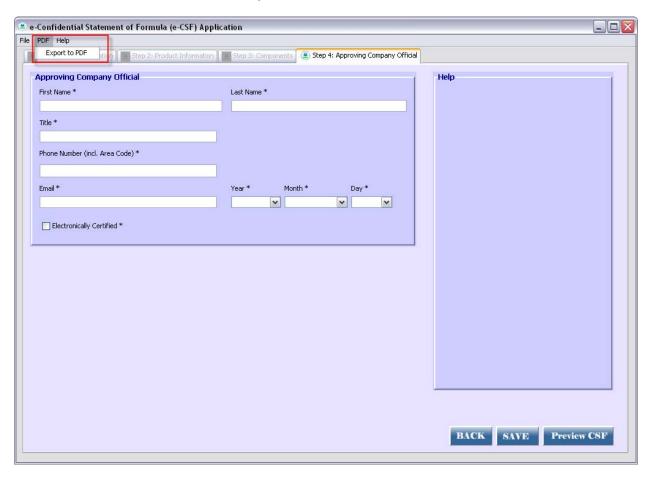
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Note: The file can also be saved as a PDF

a. Click <<PDF>> then <<Export to PDF>> to save as a PDF



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### 5 Microbial CSF

#### 5.1 Overview

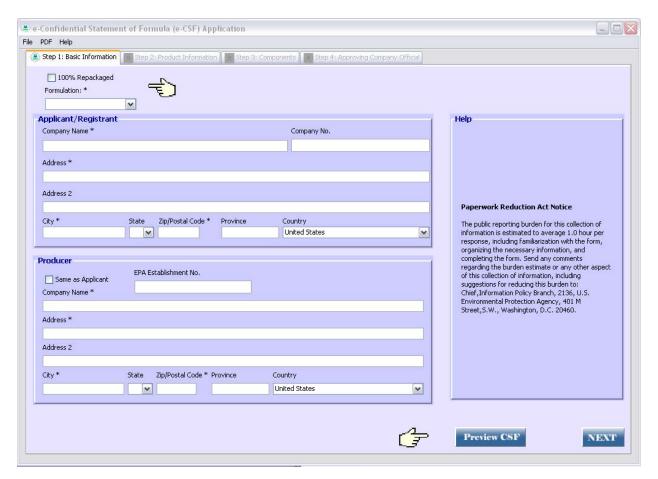
There are a few CSF's which fall under a different category. One category can be classified as Microbial, pesticide whose active ingredient is a microorganism intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest, or intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant. Below are the steps for completing a Microbial CSF:

#### 5.2 Microbial CSF

In the Step 1: Basic Information tab:

- 1. Select Formulation from the drop down menu
- 2. Complete the Applicant/Registrant section with the name and address
- 3. Complete the **Producer** section with the name and address
- 4. Click the <<Next>> button to go to Step 2: Product Information tab

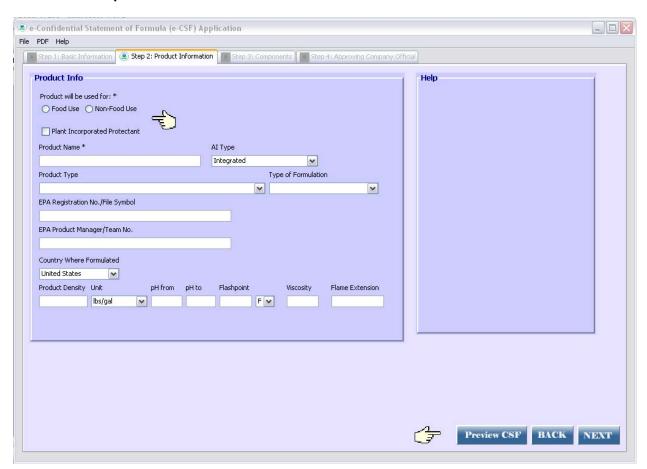
**Note:** You can "Preview" the CSF at any point through the process by clicking on the **<<Pre>review
CSF>> button.** 



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#### In the Step 2: Product Information tab:

- 1. Select Product Will Be Used For radio button
- 2. Determine if the CSF is a **Plant Incorporated Protectant**. See section 6.2
- 3. Complete the **Product Info** section with information about the product
- 4. Select the appropriate **Al Type** from the drop down menu
- 5. Select the appropriate **Product Type** from the drop down menu
- 6. Select the appropriate **Type of Formulation** from the drop down menu
- 7. Select the appropriate Country Where Formulated from the drop down menu
- 8. Once the appropriate fields are completed click the <<**Next>>** button to go to **Step 3: Components** tab.

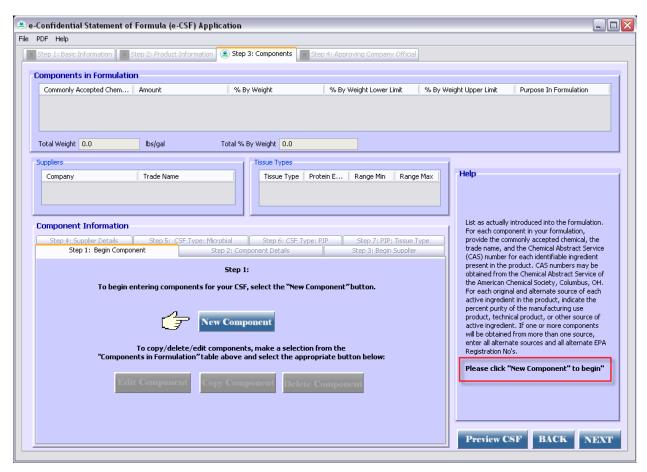


**Note:** If there are fields which need to be corrected select the <<**Back>>** button at any time.

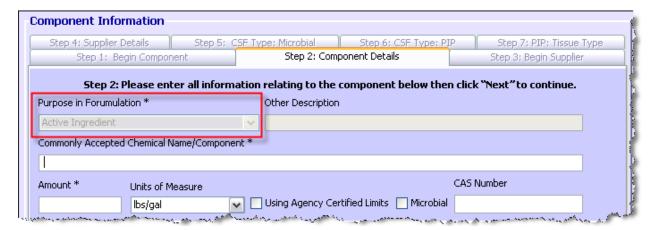
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#### In the Step 3: Components tab:

1. Click on <<New Component>> button in Step 1: Begin Component, this will take you to Step 2: Component Details.



**Note:** The first component entered has to be an *Active Ingredient*. The **Purpose in Formulation Field** will automatically default.



2. Complete Step 2: Component Details tab with information about the component

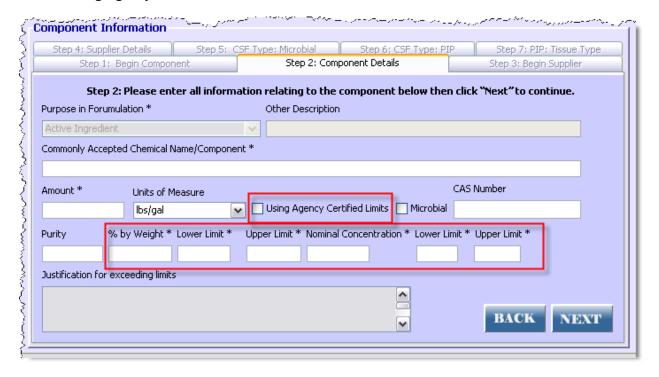
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3. Select the appropriate value in the **Purpose in Formulation** drop down menu.

**Note:** The **Unit of Measure** will automatically default to the appropriate value, based on the **Product Type** from **Step 2: Product Information** 

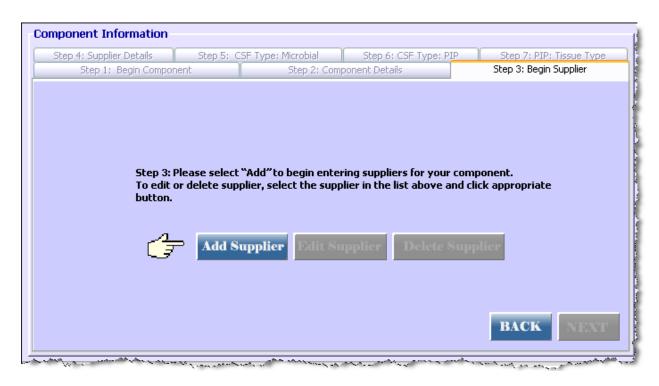
- 4. Select the appropriate **Unit of Measure**, if there is a need to change it
- 5. Verify with a Check Mark for Using Agency Certified Limits, if the limits are within these guidelines.

**Note:** The application will automatically calculate the **Upper and Lower Limits** for both the **% By Weight** and **Nominal Concentration** once entered. If the limits are exceeding then do not check off **Using Agency Certified Limits** 



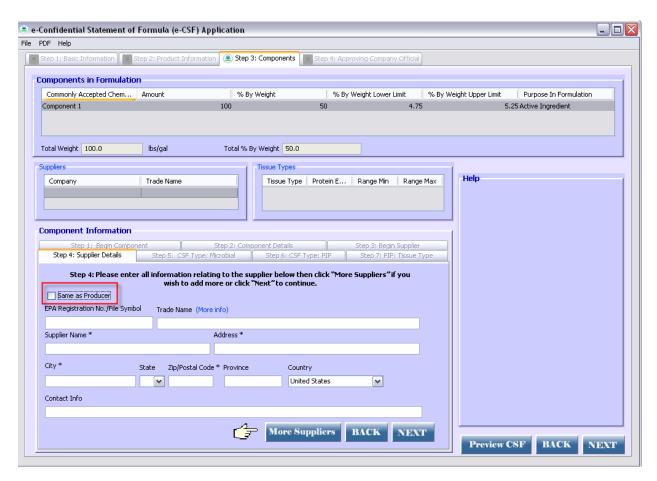
- Determine if the CSF component is a Microbial. Verify with a Check Mark for Microbial.
- 7. Complete the appropriate information in **Step 2: Component Details**.
- 8. Click the <<Next>> button to go to Step 3: Begin Supplier
- 9. Click on the << Add Supplier>> button

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- 10. Complete Step 4: Supplier Details tab with information about the specific component's supplier
- 11. Verify with a Check Mark for Same as Producer if the information is the same

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12. Once the appropriate fields are completed, click the <<Next>> button to go to Step 5: CSF Types: Microbial.

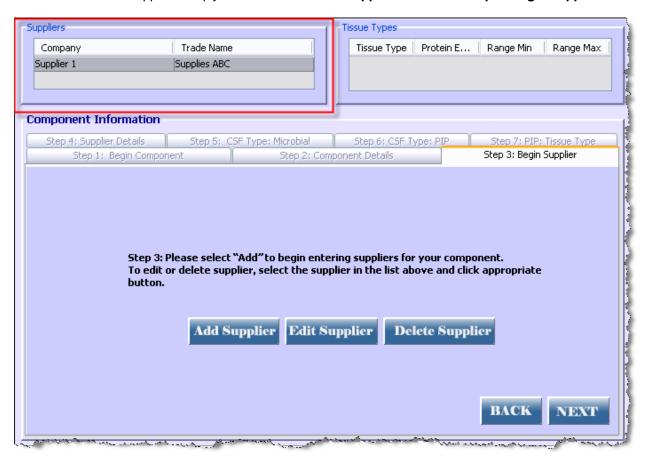
**Note:** Continue to click **<<More Suppliers>>** button for additional suppliers.

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**Note:** If you would like to delete a supplier from the supplier matrix follow the steps below:

To remove suppliers simply click on the << Delete Supplier>> button in Step 3: Begin Supplier tab.

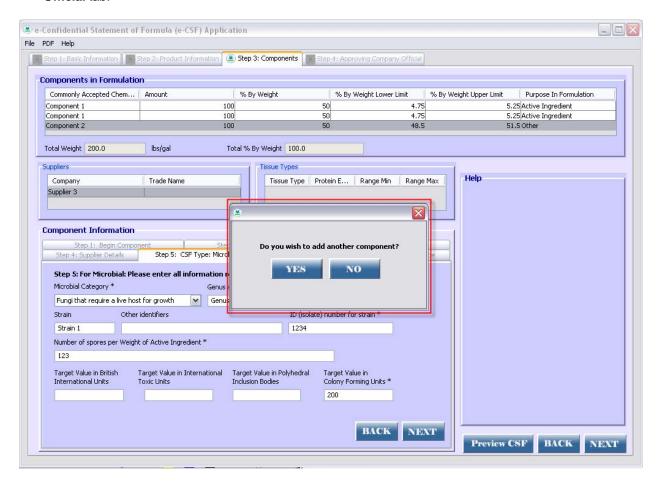


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- a. Click on the supplier in the **Suppliers** table. The entire line should be highlighted in grey
- b. Click the << Delete Supplier>> button to delete that supplier

**Note:** Similarly if you would like to edit a suppliers' information click on the <<**Edit Supplier>>** button in **Step 3: Begin Supplier** tab and follow the steps below:

- a. Click on the supplier in the **Suppliers** table. The entire line should be highlighted in grey
- b. Click the << Edit Supplier>> button to edit that supplier
- 13. Select the appropriate value for **Microbial Category** from the drop down menu.
- 14. Once the appropriate fields are completed for the microbial component, click the <<Next>> button
- 15. A pop up will appear verifying the need to add another component. If there are more components, select the <<**Yes>>** button, otherwise select the <<**No>>** button, to move on to **Step 4: Approving Company Official** tab.

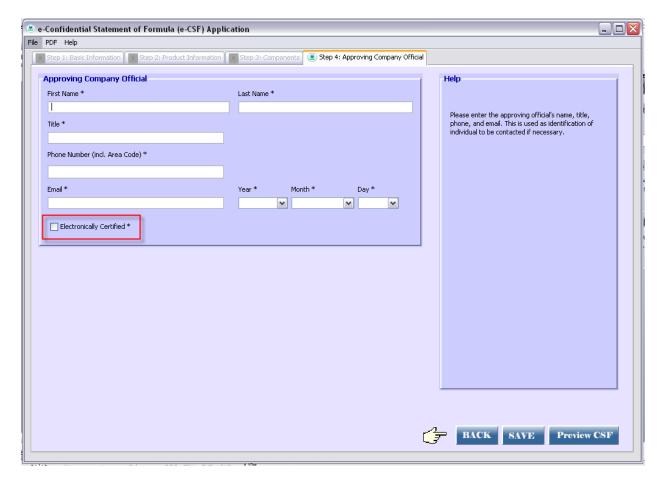


**Note:** If you select the <<**Yes>>** button, you will be brought back to **Step 1: Begin Component.** You can complete steps 1-10 for the each subsequent component. See section 4.2.

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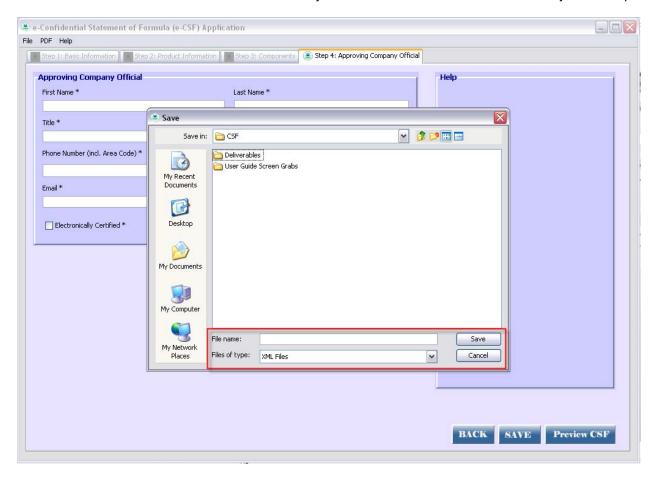
#### In the Step 4: Approving Company Official tab:

- 4. Complete the **Approving Company Official** section with information about the product
- 5. Once the appropriate fields are completed, verify with a *Check Mark* that the form is **Electronically Certified**



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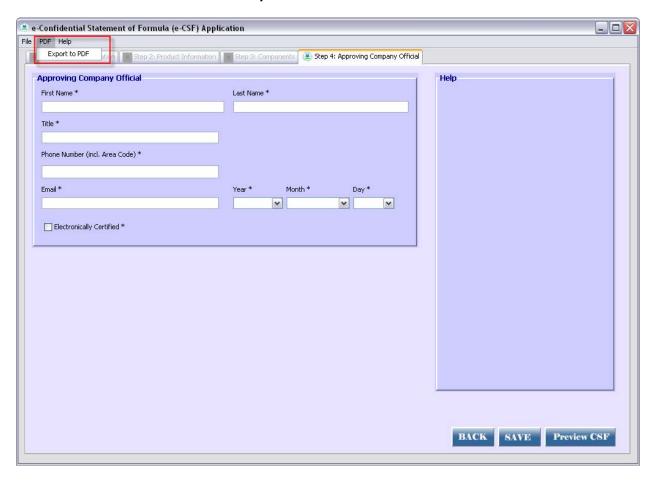
6. Click the **<<Save>>** button to and name your file in order to save it as an XML file to your desktop



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Note: The file can also be saved as a PDF

a. Click <<PDF>> then <<Export to PDF>> to save as a PDF



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# 6 Plant Incorporated Protectant CSF

#### 6.1 Overview

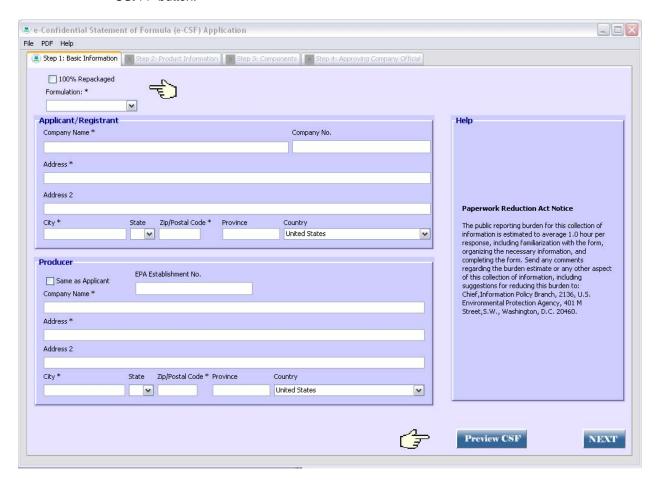
There are a few CSF's which fall under a different category. A second category can be classified as a Plant Incorporated Protectant (PIP), pesticidal substances produced by plants and the genetic material necessary for the plant to produce the substance. Below are the steps for completing a PIP CSF:

#### 6.2 Plant Incorporated Protectant (PIP) CSF

## In the Step 1: Basic Information tab:

- 1. Select Formulation from the drop down menu
- 2. Complete the Applicant/Registrant section with the name and address
- 3. Complete the **Producer** section with the name and address
- 4. Click the <<Next>> button to go to Step 2: Product Information tab

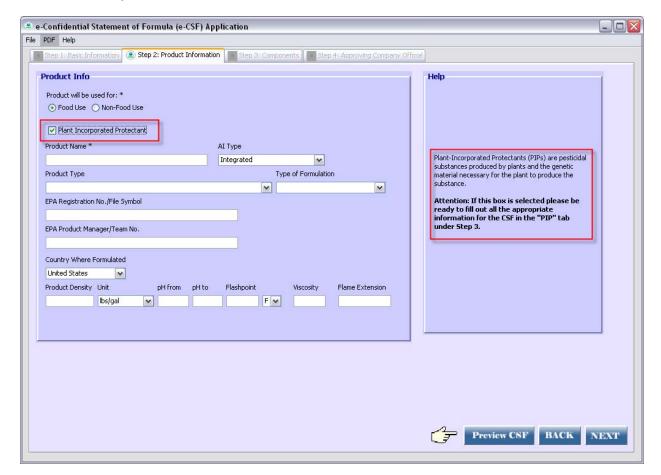
**Note:** You can "Preview" the CSF at any point through the process by clicking on the **<<Pre>review
CSF>> button.** 



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# In the Step 2: Product Information tab:

- 9. Select **Product Will Be Used For** radio button
- 10. Determine if the CSF is a Plant Incorporated Protectant. See section 6.2
- 11. Complete the **Product Info** section with information about the product
- 12. Select the appropriate **Al Type** from the drop down menu
- 13. Select the appropriate **Product Type** from the drop down menu
- 14. Select the appropriate **Type of Formulation** from the drop down menu
- 15. Select the appropriate Country Where Formulated from the drop down menu
- Once the appropriate fields are completed click the <<Next>> button to go to Step 3: Components tab.

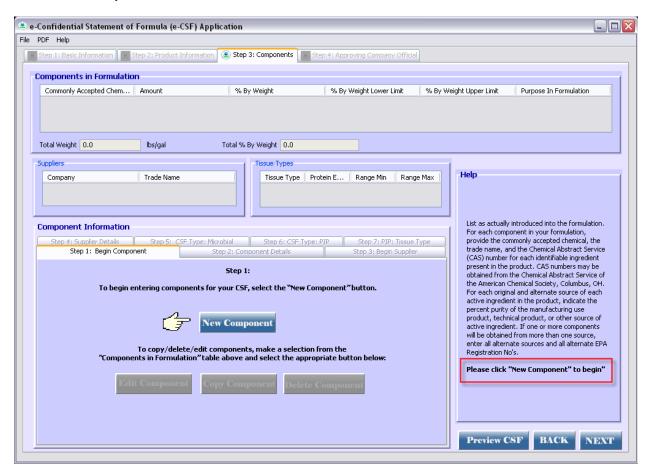


Note: If there are fields which need to be corrected select the <<Back>> button at any time.

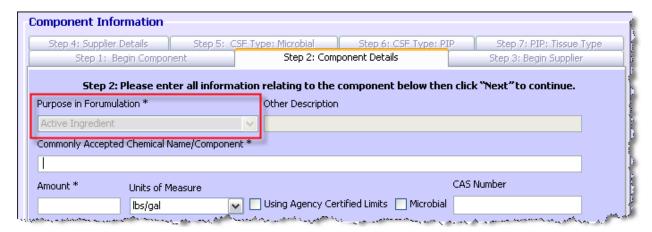
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#### In the Step 3: Components tab:

1. Click on << New Component>> button in Step 1: Begin Component, this will take you to Step 2: Component Details.



**Note:** The first component entered has to be an *Active Ingredient*. The **Purpose in Formulation Field** will automatically default.



2. Complete Step 2: Component Details tab with information about the component

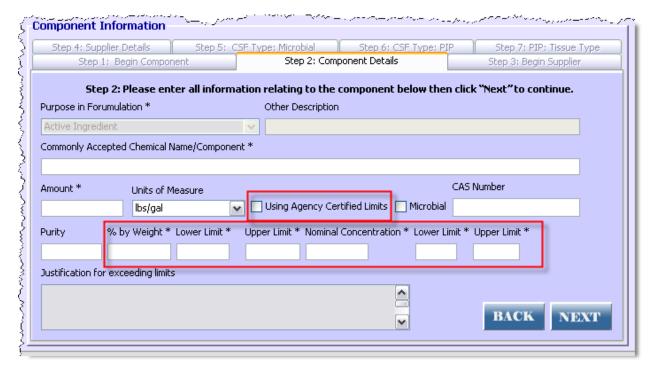
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3. Select the appropriate value in the **Purpose in Formulation** drop down menu.

**Note:** The **Unit of Measure** will automatically default to the appropriate value, based on the **Product Type** from **Step 2: Product Information** 

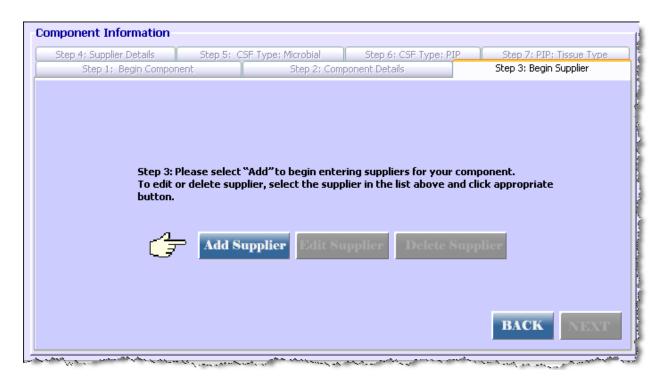
- 4. Select the appropriate **Unit of Measure**, if there is a need to change it
- 5. Verify with a *Check Mark* for **Using Agency Certified Limits**, if the limits are within these guidelines.

**Note:** The application will automatically calculate the **Upper and Lower Limits** for both the **% By Weight** and **Nominal Concentration** once entered. If the limits are exceeding then do not check off **Using Agency Certified Limits** 



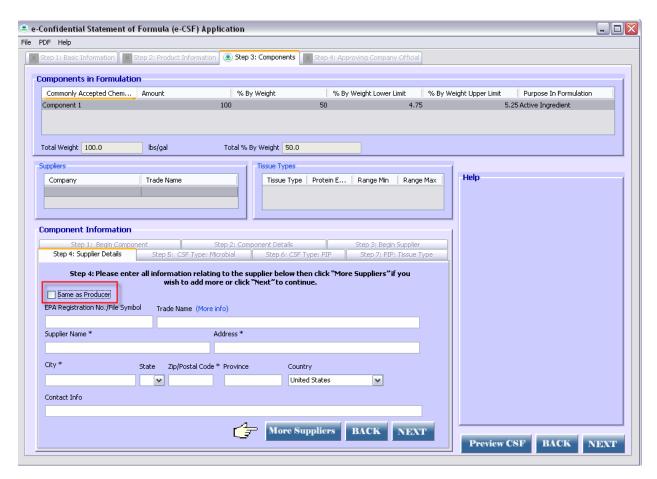
- 6. Determine if the CSF component is a Microbial. Verify with a Check Mark for Microbial.
- 7. Complete the appropriate information in **Step 2: Component Details**.
- 8. Click the <<Next>> button to go to Step 3: Begin Supplier
- 9. Click on the << Add Supplier>> button

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- 10. Complete Step 4: Supplier Details tab with information about the specific component's supplier
- 11. Verify with a Check Mark for Same as Producer if the information is the same

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12. Once the appropriate fields are completed, click the << Next>> button to go to Step 6: CSF Types: PIP

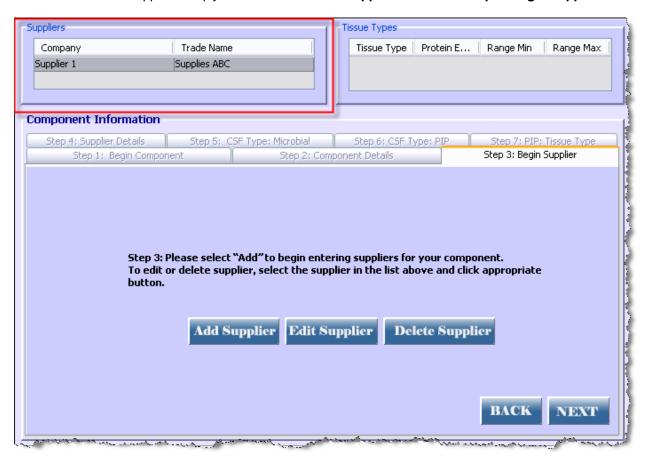
**Note:** Continue to click **<<More Suppliers>>** button for additional suppliers.

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**Note:** If you would like to delete a supplier from the supplier matrix follow the steps below:

To remove suppliers simply click on the << Delete Supplier>> button in Step 3: Begin Supplier tab.



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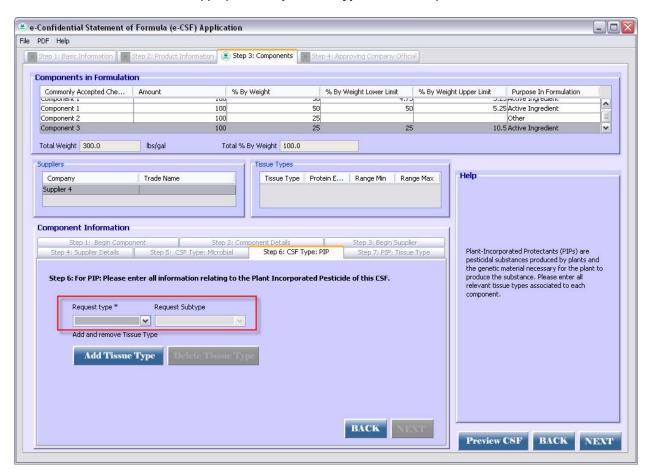
- a. Click on the supplier in the **Suppliers** table. The entire line should be highlighted in grey
- b. Click the << Delete Supplier>> button to delete that supplier

**Note:** Similarly if you would like to edit a suppliers' information click on the **<<Edit Supplier>>** button in **Step 3: Begin Supplier** tab and follow the steps below:

- a. Click on the supplier in the **Suppliers** table. The entire line should be highlighted in grey
- b. Click the << Edit Supplier>> button to edit that supplier
- Once the appropriate fields are completed, click the <<Next>> button to go to Step 6: CSF Types: PIP.
- 14. Complete the Step 6: CSF Types: PIP tab with information about the PIP
- 15. Select the appropriate Request Type from the drop down menu

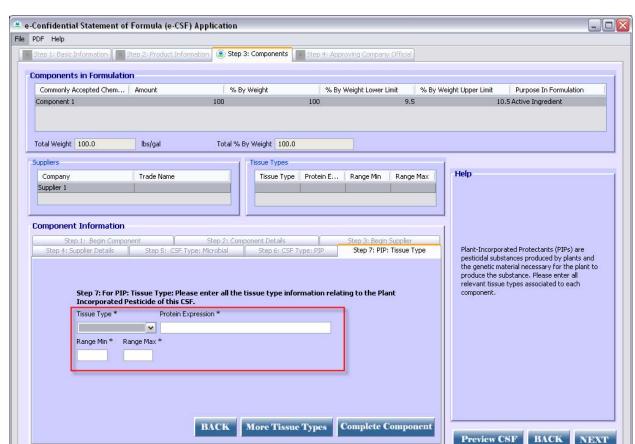
Note: Depending on the Request Type chosen, a Request Subtype will be need.

a. Select the appropriate Request Subtype from the drop down menu



16. Click the << Add Tissue Type>> button to enter Tissue Types

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17. Select the appropriate **Tissue Type** from the drown down menu

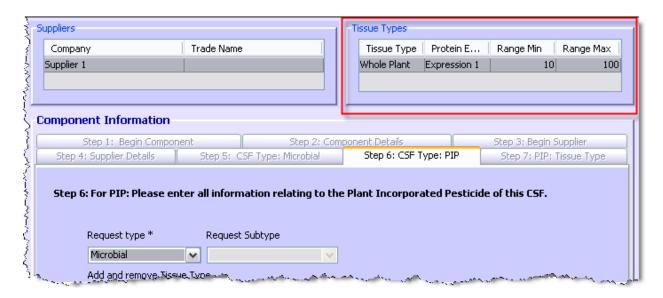
18. Enter all the information about that tissue type

Note: Continue to click <<Add Tissue Type>> button for additional tissue types and repeat steps 14-18

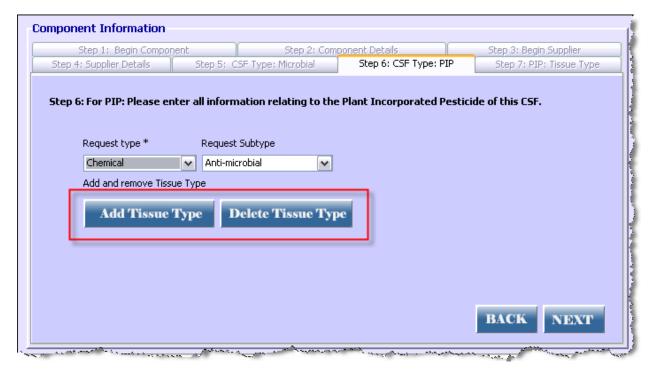
**Note:** To remove tissue types simply click on the supplier in the table and select the **<<Delete Tissue Type>>** button to remove the tissue type.

a. Click on the tissue type in the **Tissue Types** table. The entire line should be highlighted in grey

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b. Click the << Delete Tissue Type>> button to delete that supplier

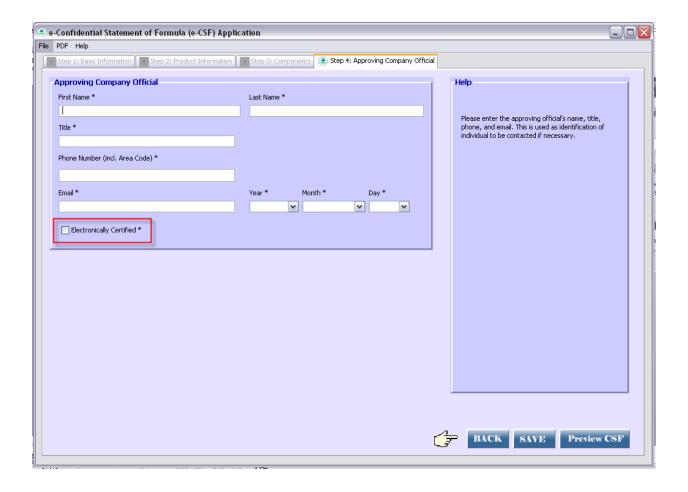


19. Click the **<<Next>>** button to go to **Step 4: Approving Company Official** tab.

### In the Step 4: Approving Company Official tab:

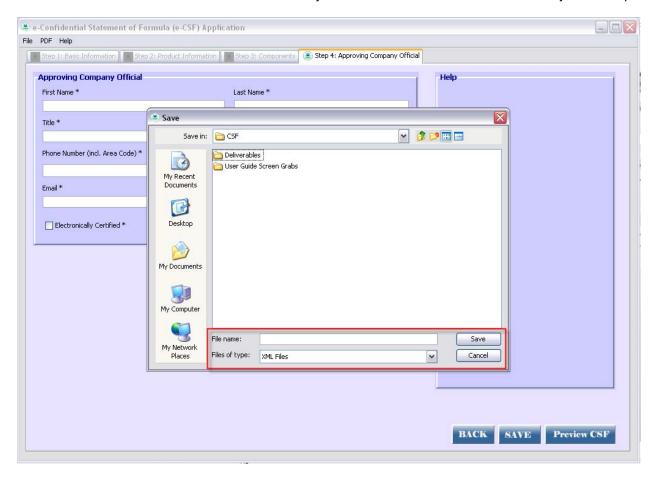
- 1. Complete the **Approving Company Official** section with information about the product
- 2. Once the appropriate fields are completed, verify with a *Check Mark* that the form is **Electronically Certified**

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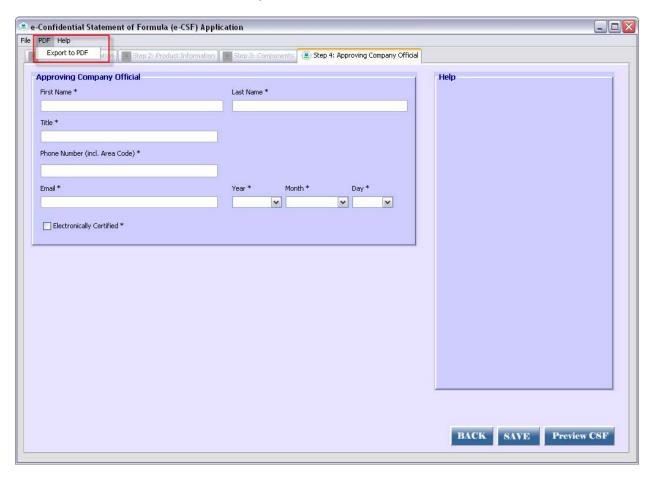
3. Click the <<Save>> button to and name your file in order to save it as an XML file to your desktop



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Note: The file can also be saved as a PDF

b. Click <<**PDF>>** then <<**Export to PDF>>** to save as a PDF



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# 7 100 Percent Repackaged Product

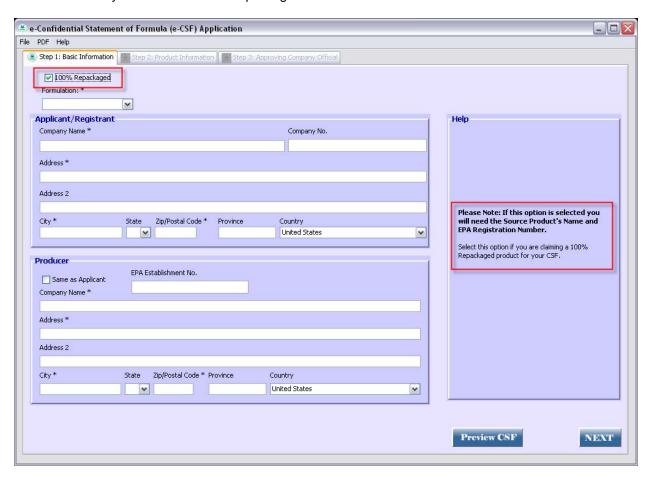
#### 7.1 Overview

There are a few CSF's which are repackaged product under a different name. While all the components are exactly the same and registered with the EPA the product is being sold by the applicant under a different name. In these cases the applicant only needs to verify the **source** products information they are repackaging.

#### 7.2 100% Repackaged

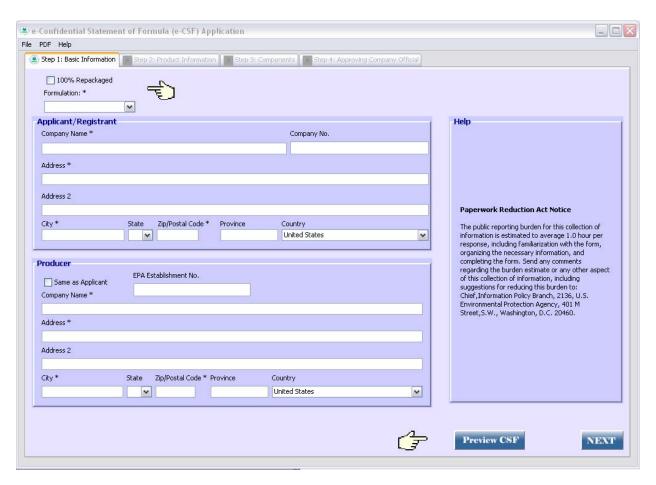
## In the Step 1: Basic Information tab:

1. Verify if the CSF is 100% Repackaged with a Check Mark



- 2. Select **Formulation** from the drop down menu
- 3. Complete the Applicant/Registrant section with the name and address
- 4. Complete the **Producer** section with the name and address
- 5. Click the <<Next>> button to go to Step 2: Product Information tab

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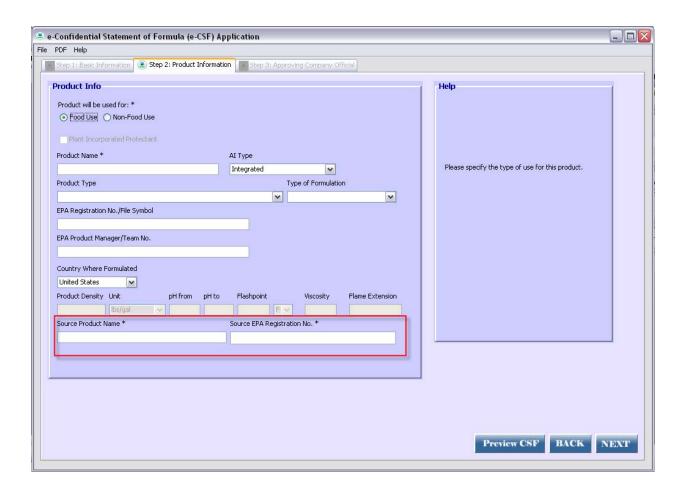


**Note:** You can "Preview" the CSF at any point through the process by clicking on the **<<Pre>review
CSF>> button.** 

### In the **Step 2: Product Information** tab:

- 1. Select Product Will Be Used For radio button
- 2. Determine if the CSF is a **Plant Incorporated Protectant**. See section 6.2
- 3. Complete the **Product Info** section with information about the product
- 4. Select the appropriate **Al Type** from the drop down menu
- 5. Select the appropriate **Product Type** from the drop down menu
- 6. Select the appropriate **Type of Formulation** from the drop down menu
- 7. Select the appropriate Country Where Formulated from the drop down menu
- 8. Complete the information for the Source Product Name and Source EPA Registration No.

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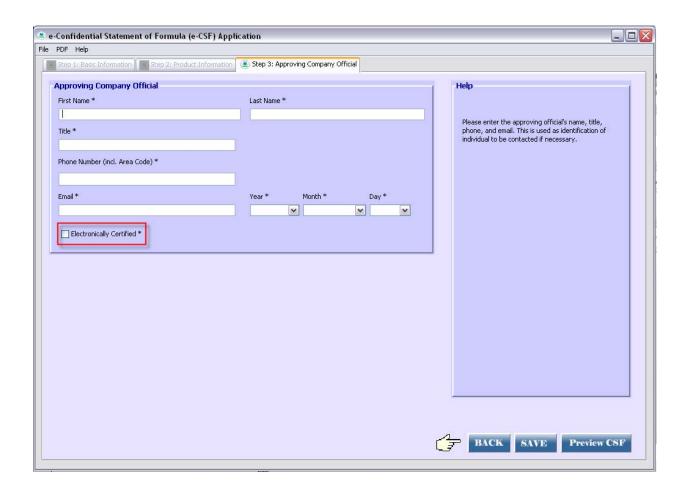
9. Once the appropriate fields are completed click the <<Next>> button to go to Step 3: Approving Company Official tab.

**Note:** If there are fields which need to be corrected select the <<**Back>>** button at any time.

# In the Step 3: Approving Company Official tab:

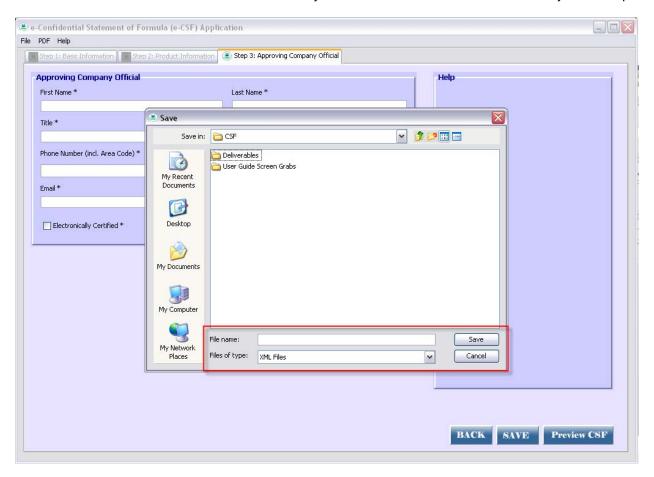
- 1. Complete the Approving Company Official section with information about the product
- 2. Once the appropriate fields are completed, verify with a *Check Mark* that the form is **Electronically Certified**

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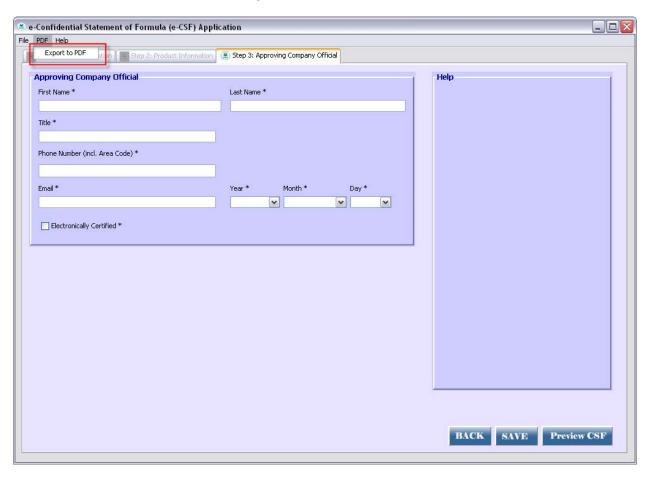
3. Click the <<Save>> button to and name your file in order to save it as an XML file to your desktop



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Note: The file can also be saved as a PDF

c. Click <<PDF>> then <<Export to PDF>> to save as a PDF



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# 8 Importing XML's

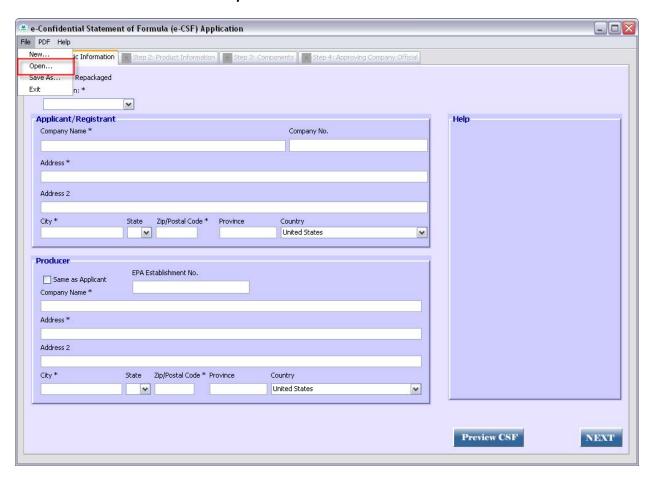
#### 8.1 Overview

There application gives the user the ability to save the CSF's they are working on in both XML and PDF formats. This enables the user to open saved CSF for future use to make changes, this is apparent with an XML version.

### 8.2 Importing an CSF in XML Format

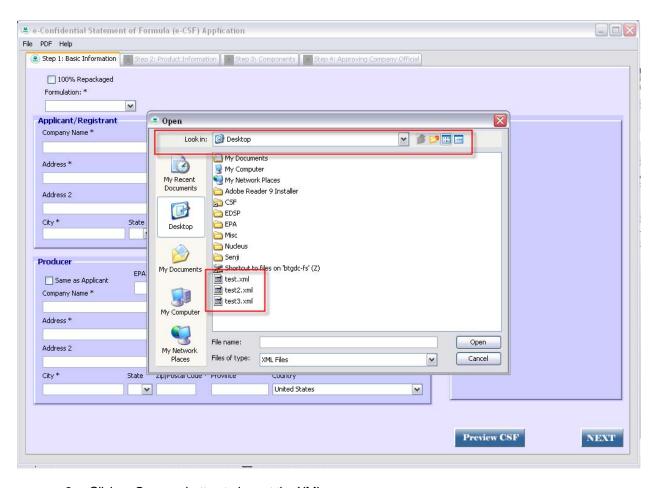
## In the Step 1: Basic Information tab:

1. Select << File>> then << Open>>



2. Search for the file in the appropriate directory

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- 3. Click << Open>> button to import the XML.
- 4. Navigate the application to edit information.

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