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Microbiological Sample Testing – Initial Certification Submittal Procedures

Overview

A laundry facility seeking Hygienically Clean certification must pass an independent, third-party microbiological testing of sample laundered textiles. Each facility must pass sample testing two months in a row to qualify for the Hygienically Clean inspection. Upon inspecting the facility, the inspector will select the third and final samples to be submitted for testing. Please reference Section 7 of the discipline specific [Hygienically Clean Standard](#) for more information.

Sample Selection Process

Once TRSA has confirmed receipt of your application, select a [TRSA-approved laboratory](#) to submit samples for microbiological testing using the laboratories' Chain of Custody form. **The Chain of Custody form must be included with your samples.** All samples should be pulled from the end of the line as if they were being sent to customers. Items must be properly dried and cooled prior to bagging.

Initial Testing

Submit two textiles (one terry item and one flat item) for USP 62 and RODAC Plate Test. *The initial testing must be completed within 60 days of receipt of your application.* Samples received prior to the receipt of your application will not be accepted.

Follow-up Testing

TRSA will confirm receipt of your initial passing samples. Once confirmed, submit two different types of textiles from the initial samples (one terry item and one flat item), for the RODAC Plate Test. *The follow-up testing must be completed within 30 days of your passed initial testing.*

Final Testing

During your on-site inspection, the inspector will select two additional items for testing. Submit these two items for USP 62 and for the RODAC Plate Test.

Shipping Instructions

Items should be placed in a new air-tight plastic bag (i.e., storage bag or vacuum sealed bag) and labeled to include the following information:

- Company Name
- Plant Address
- Primary Contact Information (Name, Phone Number and E-mail)
- Date of Production
- Textile Description
- Testing Type: USP 62 or RODAC Plate Test

Items should be sent using an overnight or two-day delivery service. Please remember to include the Chain of Custody form(s) with the package.

Sample Testing Schedule

	Required Tests	Timeframe
Initial Testing	1 terry item and 1 flat item for USP 62 & RODAC Plate Test	60 days post receipt of application
Follow-up Testing	2 items for RODAC Plate Test	30 days post receipt of passing results from Round 1 testing
Final Testing	2 items selected onsite by inspector	Upon onsite inspection

TRSA Approved Laboratories

Accugen Laboratories, Inc.
 2121 W. Army Trail Rd
 Addison, IL 60101
 Phone: (630) 789-8105
 Email: info@accugenlabs.com
 Website: <http://www.accugenlabs.com>
[Chain of Custody Form](#)

EMSL Analytical, Inc.
 5950 Fairbanks North Houston Rd
 Houston, TX 77040
 Phone: (713) 686-3635
 Email: houstonlab@emsl.com
 Website: <https://emsl.com>
[Chain of Custody Form](#)

IG Micromed Environmental, Inc.
 190-12860 Clarke Place
 Richmond, B.C. V6V-2H1
 Phone: (604) 279-0666
 Email: info@igmicromed.com
 Website: <https://igmicromed.com>
[Chain of Custody Form](#)

Notification of Sample Results

TRSA is provided with a copy of all Hygienically Clean testing results from the approved laboratories and will provide you with a confirmation of receipt. Please contact us at certification@trsa.org if you have not received confirmation thirty days after submission to the laboratories.

