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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

Testing may begin up to 30-days prior to application submission. 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 the samples.** All samples must 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 30 days of receipt of the application by TRSA.*

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 the passed initial testing.*

Final Testing

During the 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. The Chain of Custody form(s) must be included with the package.

Sample Testing Schedule

| | Required Tests | Timeframe |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Initial Testing | 1 terry item and 1 flat item for USP 62 & RODAC Plate Test | Within 30 days of receipt of application by TRSA |
| Follow-up Testing | 2 items for RODAC Plate Test | 30 days post receipt of passing results from initial testing |
| Final Testing | 2 items selected onsite by inspector | Duing 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 laundry plants with a confirmation of receipt. Please contact us at certification@trsa.org if confirmation is not received within thirty days after submission to the laboratories.

