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Sub: Timeline for Testing of Samples in Revenue Laboratories

Dear Member,

This is to inform you that DGFT has issued Public Notice No. 27/2026 dated 23rd February 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)) regarding the procedure and guidelines for testing of samples in relation to export/import consignments.

As per the Public Notice, the issue of timelines for testing of samples had been raised by the trade to ensure transparency and accountability in services provided by the Revenue Laboratory at JNCH. Currently, the JNCH Laboratory/DYCC issues test reports for samples marked as First Check / Live Samples generally within 5 working days, and for Second Check Samples within 8-10 working days, subject to prevailing conditions.

Further, the Director (Revenue Laboratories), Central Revenue Control Laboratory (CRCL), New Delhi, has prescribed standardized timelines for testing of samples in Revenue Laboratories. Accordingly, to make the process more transparent and time-bound, the prescribed timelines will now be followed for reporting of samples at the Revenue Laboratory, JNCH. The timelines will be calculated from the date of receipt of samples in the laboratory.

In case members face any operational difficulties or require clarification on implementation of the above Notice, they may write to the Commissioner of Customs at commr-ns5@gov.in for necessary action.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal
Executive Director

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