



PACKAGING CONSULTANTS INTERNATIONAL

MINIMUM SAMPLE SUBMISSION QUANTITIES FOR SWAB TESTING

The sample quantities requested for submission are designed to allow for 1) protection of the sample from contamination in transit; 2) testing of the appropriate area of the sample pieces; 3) retention of remaining sample and retesting in the event that a question should arise from the test results. All samples are to be collected in a manner that minimizes that potential for contamination from an external agent.

FILM, FLEXIBLE PRODUCT SAMPLES

- A minimum of 15 pieces of film or flexible product, approximately 15" x 15" (37.5 cm x 37.5 cm) each, should be submitted.
- A minimum of 50 sheets will be required if you would like 35 pieces tested rather than only 7 pieces.
- For sample rolls, please submit at least 20 to 25 feet (~6.1 to 7.6 meters) of sample if the width is greater than 5" (12.7 cm) or at least 30 to 35 feet (~9.1 to 10.7 meters) if the sample width is less than 5" (12.7 cm).
- Please tape sheets together or the end of a roll to avoid slippage or unraveling in shipping which could contribute contamination to the sample.
- The outermost pieces will be discarded when tested and serve to protect the sample in transit.

BAGS, LINERS AND POUCHES

- A minimum of 15 bags, liners or pouches of a size greater than or equal to 12" x 12" (30.5 cm x 30.5 cm) should be submitted.
- A minimum of 50 pieces should be submitted for bags, liners or pouches smaller than 12" x 12" in order to test 35 pieces.

CARTONS, BOXES AND PAPERBOARD

- A minimum of 50 cartons are required in order to test 35 cartons.
- A minimum of 15 pieces should be submitted for other cartons, boxes, and paperboard, including large boxes or cartons greater than 12" (25 cm) on one side.

CLAMSHELLS, TRAYS AND OTHER CONTAINERS

- A minimum of 15 pieces are to be submitted for clamshells and trays with base areas larger than 3" x 3" (7.5 cm x 7.5 cm).
- Other containers, depending upon their shape and size, will be addressed individually.

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