

Annex 2

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Field sampling of animal ID devices – DRAFT protocols

Concept: Field sampling and testing is the voluntary service for competent authorities and other field service users.

Principles:

The device re-testing or validation service should be applied by filling up the concerned application form as Annex y of Section 10 of the ICAR Guideline (to be developed)

1. Field sampling and product testing:
 - a. Products are collected by the service user or body making request. It is the basic requirement that the product samples are obtained by the service user from the market not from the manufacturer. Number of product examples to be as determined are required for the type of test (see test protocol documents).
 - b. The service user or national authority is responsible for the application of re-testing at intervals they establish
 - c. If the service is used by more than one country the countries may jointly apply the product re-testing. In such cases the samples are collected from different countries by a way to cover different geographical regions are represented
 - d. Before the test ICAR seeks confirmation from the manufacturer that the product obtained for re-testing / validation from the specific country or market, is known to be a product that the manufacturer has genuinely marketed in that country. (N.B. Silence or no reply would be considered as confirmation!).
 - e. Products are tested and results are compared with original results by the ICAR designated laboratory. A basic device re-test or validation test is carried out by using the **Limited test protocol for the RFID devices and the Preliminary Assessment protocol for the material performance tested devices**. The service user is free to add into the validation test application other parameters than those included in the limited test protocol or Preliminary Assessment protocol and the test laboratory will quote the additional cost in the test plan they submit to Service-ICAR.
2. Publishing results
 - a. The test results are compiled into a confidential report which is the ownership of the service user/s who signed the application.
 - b. If the test results are different with samples from different applicant service users the test report will detail the differences and their implications. It will be the responsibility of respective local authority to take initiative to solve the case with the manufacturer and report to ICAR if the case becomes a misuse of ICAR device certification. For handling of misuse cases ICAR has an established procedure existing.
3. Costs

- a. Service-ICAR as the responsible body for the contracting of tests under ICAR standard for ID devices charges each device re-test or validation test on service user-pays principle based on the laboratory fee added with the applicable Service-ICAR administrative fee.
4. Confidentiality
- a. ICAR/Service-ICAR are not publishing the authorities using the its ID device re-testing or validation services.
 - b. Specific information about the market is kept confidentially (ICAR will not publish information concerning which product is used in which market).
 - c. All test results are kept confidentially between ICAR and the authority making the request. Specific test results are returned only to the authority making the request(s) and providing the specific samples]