



**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (PORT)
CUSTOM HOUSE, 15/1 STRAND ROAD, KOLKATA- 700001**

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. : 83 /2018

Subject: Forwarding of samples for testing to the Outside Laboratories

Attention of all concerned is invited to the Board's Circular No. 28/2018- Customs dated 30.08.2018 and Public Notice No. 13/2018 dated 19.02.2018 issued from Kolkata Customs Port Commissionerate on the above mentioned subject.

2. In the aforementioned Circulars and Public Notice, it was very categorically indicated that up-gradation of the Revenue Laboratories is an on-going process. Therefore laboratories earlier not equipped with testing facility for a specific item may have since acquired the testing facilities consequent to up-gradation.

3. Field formations should therefore first ensure with their respective laboratories that the testing facilities for any particular items listed in the said Circular and Public Notice are not available with them before forwarding such samples to outside Laboratory(s) listed therein.

4. In case, the jurisdictional laboratory does not have testing facility for a given item, it would be open to the field formations to send such samples to one of the other revenue laboratories which have the facility to test the item, instead of availing services of an outside Government Laboratory. CRCL should also continuously update the list of testing facilities available on its webpage or on the web link of each laboratory so that there are no delays in testing merely on account of ascertaining as to which of the labs has the relevant testing facility.

5. Difficulty faced, if any, may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

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