



TECHNICAL NOTE

GUIDE FOR SURFACE SAMPLING FOR PESTICIDES WITH ALCOHOL WIPES

A pesticide surface sample pack (contents 3 x alcohol wipes, 1 x 20 mL Amber glass screw cap vial) is required to take a sample. The requested number of 10 x 10 cm templates is also supplied.

NOTE: ONLY SMOOTH NON-PERMIABLE SURFACES ARE SUITABLE FOR COLLECTING WIPE SAMPLES, FOR EXAMPLE, STAINLESS STEEL, SMOOTH LAQUER FINISH, PLASTIC COATED SURFACE. SURFACES THAT ARE NOT SUITABLE INCLUDE NAKED WOOD, CONCRETE, TEXTURED FINISHES.

Collecting a sample

NOTE: WHEN COLLECTING A SAMPLE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO AVOID CONTAMINATION. ONLY TOUCH WIPES WITH CLEAN CHEMICAL RESISTANT GLOVES. CHANGE GLOVES BETWEEN SAMPLES TO AVOID CROSS CONTAMINATION.

1. Fix a 10 x 10 cm template to surface to be sampled in appropriate position (e.g. with a small piece of masking tape).
2. Record sample details and label sample vial.
3. Remove a wipe sachet from sample pack. Grip wipe firmly and applying pressure wipe diagonally downwards left to right from the top right corner to the bottom left corner over whole enclosed sample template area.



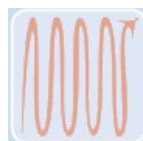
Put wipe into sample vial.

4. Repeat step 3 with a new wipe but wipe diagonally right to left diagonally from the top left corner to the bottom right corner over whole enclosed sample template area.



Put wipe into sample vial.

5. Repeat step 4 with a new wipe but wipe vertically bottom to top from the bottom left corner to the bottom right corner over whole enclosed sample template area.



Put wipe into sample vial and firmly seal with lid.

DISCLAIMER: This document is intended to be a guide only and sampling practise may vary according to the requirement of samplers, legislative bodies and other organisations.