

DNA Subject Sampling Kits- Tubes



Summary

Two issues have been identified in relation to DNA Subject Sampling Kits produced by SceneSafe, specifically the Tubes within these kits. In the kit, they are called 'sample containers'.

1. Several kits have been produced containing non-standard 2ml tubes, CED and PACE only.
2. Several other kits have been produced with a different non-standard 1.5ml tube to that used historically in PACE, CED and elimination kits.

This has resulted in issues with the automated analysis of the DNA samples by the FSPs as the 2ml is not compatible with instrumentation.

While with the 1.5ml tube, a small percentage are opening during the incubation stage. This only affects kits being analysed by Eurofins.

SceneSafe, FINDS, Eurofins, FCN and BLC have been actively working behind the scenes to support and mitigate the impact where possible.

Actions

SceneSafe have been in touch with all Forces which have been supplied either the 2ml tube or the altered 1.5ml tube.

Update

Kits with 2ml tube - SceneSafe have traced, recalled and have issued replacement kits to those Forces.

Mitigation in place: Any kits washing through the system, Eurofins are swapping the 2ml for the appropriate 1.5ml tube. Cellmark and KFS are not affected.

Where used, Kits containing 2ml tube should be submitted to the FSP as normal.

Kits with 1.5ml tube - SceneSafe are proactively in touch with **all forces affected** with instructions of what to do.

DNA Subject Sampling Kits- Quality Notice

Forces are being asked, where you have any other batches that are not listed below use them first, however if you only have the batches listed below continue to use them.

It is BAU for kits issued from March onwards - these are not affected.

Mitigation in place: Any kits washing through the system, Eurofins have put manual processes in place. This ideally is a short-term solution.

Affected Batch Numbers 1.5ml tube

PACE Batch Number	CED Batch Number	ELIMS Batch Number
1-290125-02	03-020225-02	2-030225-02
1-310125-02	3-080225-02	2-080225-02
1-010225-02		2-110225-02
1-040225-02		2-120225-02
1-050225-02		2-170225-02
1-060225-02		2-190225-02
1-070225-02		2-210225-02
1-110225-02		
1-120225-02		
1-130225-02		
1-170225-02		
1-180225-02		
1-190225-02		
1-200225-02		
1-210225-02		

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