

RICE SCHEME

Regular Interlaboratory Counting Exchanges

CLASSIFICATION OF LABORATORY PERFORMANCE

Laboratory No. : **1367**

Period : **17/03/2017** TO **29/06/2018**

Rounds : **106, 107, 108, 109**

Laboratory : **Scientific Services Ltd (Cornwall)**
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Classification : **Category 1 - GOOD**

Notes

- 1 The RICE scheme test proficiency in the use of the optical microscopy method of counting asbestos fibres as described in the Health and Safety Executive publication HSG248
- 2 The classifications will be updated after each subsequent round i.e. at 3 - 4 month intervals
- 3 Laboratories which have completed fewer than four rounds are normally classified as AWAITING CLASSIFICATION.
- 4 On completion of four rounds laboratories are classified with the performance category (CATEGORY 1, CATEGORY 2 or CATEGORY 3). Category 1 represents GOOD performance, Category 2 is ACCEPTABLE (but needs improvement), while Category 3 is UNSATISFACTORY performance.

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SUMMARY OF LABORATORY RESULTS : ROUNDS **106, 107, 108, 109**

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ROUNDS				NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF COUNTS IN PERFORMANCE BANDS			
ROUND	GROUP	BATCH	ROUND DEADLINE DATE	BAND A	BAND A AND BAND B	BAND -C	BAND +C
109	12	28	29 Jun 2018	8	8	0	0
				100%	100%	0%	0%
108	13	13	16 Mar 2018	6	7	1	0
				75%	88%	13%	0%
107	13	30	17 Nov 2017	7	8	0	0
				88%	100%	0%	0%
106	30	31	30 Jun 2017	8	8	0	0
				100%	100%	0%	0%
Four-round average percentages				91%	97%	3%	0%
Category 1 - GOOD							
Categories from previous rounds		ROUND	109	108	107	106	
		CATEGORY	1	1	1	1	

CALCULATION OF CATEGORY

In routine cases, if the four-round average percentage of counts in Band A is 75% or more, the Category is 1; failing that, if the average of counts in Bands A and B combined is 75% or more, the Category is 2; otherwise the Category is 3.

The Category may be subjected to review (e.g. if one of the four rounds was missed or if an extra batch of samples was evaluated)

Full details on the assessment of categories, and on the formal performance classifications, are given in the document "RICE Information for Participants"