



Action 3 of the Customs Laboratories European Network



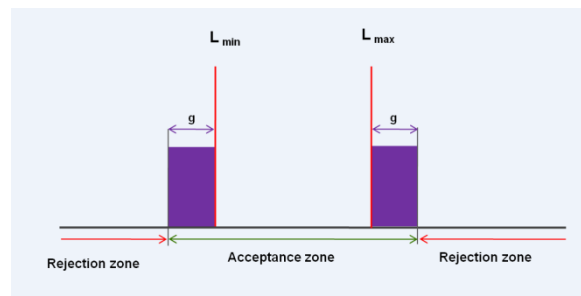
Customs Laboratories
European Network

Networking on quality

A Common Quality Policy

Although quality requirements are the same for all the Member States' Customs Laboratories, their implementation may vary according to each Customs Laboratory and its own specific quality system. The first aim of Action 3 is to work towards the development of a Common Quality Policy for all Customs Laboratories to ensure uniform interpretation of the new standards and to establish the basis for mutual acceptability of test data without the need for further re-testing of products and articles when they are traded internationally.

The constant effort made by the Customs Laboratories to improve and guarantee quality is seen in the increasing number of methods of analysis accredited according to ISO 17025.



Activities carried out under Action 3 Actions Objectives

Actions	Objectives
Project Group on Sampling	Development and maintenance of Samancta , the Sampling Manual for Customs and Tax Authorities
Samancta	Online tool providing solutions related to sampling and sample manipulations, also used for training purposes. Translated into all European Union languages.
Samancta Training	Presentation of Samancta to the Customs Authorities and practical training on sampling of various goods

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27-30 September 2016, Budapest, Hungary, 26 participants • 2-4 October 2018, Tirana, Albania, 23 participants
Samancta Workshop	<p>Presentation of Samancta to the Customs Authorities</p> <p>14-15 November 2013, Prague, Czech Republic, 67 participants</p>
Project Group on Compliance assessment, use of precision data and statistics	<p>Enrichment and revision of the guidelines on “measurement uncertainty and decision rules in compliance assessment”. These guidelines, established by a Customs Laboratories group on measurement uncertainty, were adopted as common guidelines in 2013 and revised in 2019.</p> <p>Use of statistics for processing precision data and other performance characteristics obtained in proficiency tests.</p>
Workshop on Routine/Screening Methods of Analysis	<p>Criteria and conditions for the acceptability of results obtained for official customs control purposes, using routine/screening methods of analysis, in addition to the reference methods of analysis laid down in legislation.</p>
Quality and accreditation Seminar	<p>Review of the accreditation, quality assurance systems, measurement uncertainty and interpretation of results.</p>

[Samancta](#)

A guide to the sampling of goods for customs and tax inspection

Samancta is a sampling manual in the shape of an internet application designed to provide a consistent set of sampling instructions for officers in all the Member States. It is available in 23 European languages.

The aim of Samancta

- ❖ To improve the quality of samples received for analysis at laboratories.
- ❖ To harmonise procedures across Europe
- ❖ To provide constructive guidance to officers on the sampling methods to be used for each type of product.

The structure of Samancta

General Chapters	Specific Sampling Procedures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms and Definitions; • The legal basis of the guide; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of goods covered • Minimum size of each sample

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Safety; • Standards (relevant ISO & EN Standards); • General Principals of Sampling and Sample Handling; • Sampling Tools; • Sampling Containers; • Training Guide; • Website for EU Customs Laboratories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European/ISO Standards that may apply • Specific legislation • Equipment required • Safety precautions • Sampling plans/methods • Sample Storage and Transportation • HS Codes covered by the card
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Sampling Manual for Customs and Tax Authorities

- **SAMANCTA is a product of CLEN**
- **海关和税务机关抽样手册是欧洲海关实验室网络的成果**
- **SAMANCTA is available on-line**
- **海关和税务机关抽样手册可以在线使用**
- **SAMANCTA is available in all EU languages**
- **海关和税务机关抽样手册适用所有欧洲语言**
- **SAMANCTA is used by customs and tax authorities**
- **海关和税务机关抽样手册适用于海关和税务机构**
- **SAMANCTA e-learning is also available**
- **海关和税务机关抽样手册提供数字化练习**
- **SAMANCTA update and enrichment is carried out**
- **海关和税务机关抽样手册内容会实时更新和补充**

