



## Submission of Referee Samples (Food and Agriculture) to the Government Chemist

To submit a referee sample\* to the Government Chemist please follow the instructions below. This guidance is also available on the Government Chemist website [www.governmentchemist.org.uk](http://www.governmentchemist.org.uk).

### Instructions for Referee Sample Submission

LGC must be contacted before any samples are sent, the contact details are as follows;

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The following information must be provided:

1. Which Act the sample has been taken under.
2. A statement as to whether the sample is being submitted with the permission of the owner, at the request of the owner or by court order.
3. An agreement to pay the fee quoted by the GC.
4. Brief background to the case.
5. Details of any sample treatment prior to analysis.
6. A request outlining what you want the GC to analyse the sample for.
7. How much of the statutory time period remains.
8. Dates of any court case pending.
9. Your telephone number and address (including email if available). Details are required for both the enforcement authority and the owner.

If you wish, you may submit additional information such as Certificates of Analysis e.g. from the public analyst and / or the laboratory acting for the owner.

You will be provided with:

- A quotation for the analysis agreed.
- A date for the issue of the certificate of analysis.
- A contact, who as case manager will be able to assist with any enquiries you may have.

\* The third portion of a formal sample taken and submitted according to the provisions of the Food Safety Act 1990, as amended or the Agriculture Act 1970, as amended.