



INTERNATIONAL QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMME (IQAP)

International Collaborative Exercises (ICE)
ICE 2026/1

Annex 1: General Information for issuing import certificates

Test samples

This information applies to test samples for the ICE seized materials (SM) and/or biological specimens (BS) groups.

Participating laboratories are requested to submit certificates authorizing the import of test samples for the seized materials (SM) group. Import certificates must be issued by the national competent authority under the International Drug Control Treaties.

The import certificates should include all substances in their respective quantities in LIST 1A (see page 3)

Please note that no import certificates are required for the BS test samples.

The name of the Exporter on the Import Certificate **must** be written as follows:

Laboratory and Scientific Services
Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
Wagramer Strasse 5
1400 Vienna
Austria

In order to meet deadlines, and in view of the often lengthy procedures for the request/acquisition of import/export certificates, both at your end and ours, we kindly request that the **original** import certificate should reach the Laboratory and Scientific Services (LSS) as soon as possible, **at the latest by 30 April 2026**, and be valid **for at least 6 months** with expiry date **not earlier than 31 July 2026**. A copy of the original certificate should be sent by e-mail in advance to speed up the process.

The following links in UNODC's website provide additional information regarding the issuance of import certificates:

"ICE Guidelines for importing test and reference samples" can be downloaded from the following link:
<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/scientists/international-collaborative-exercises-ice-guidelines-for-importing-test-and-reference-samples.html>



"Guidelines for the import and export of drug and precursor reference standards" can be found at the following location, <http://www.incb.org/incb/en/publications/guidelines-for-use-by-competent-national-authorities.html>

Test sample confidentiality and importer

For ICE to be of maximum value, the participants should remain unaware of the identity of the substances included in test samples. However, the Austrian export certificate accompanying those samples will, as required by the international drug control conventions, indicate the contents of each sample.

In order not to reveal this information to the analyst(s) of the participating laboratories, it is advised that the ICE samples be delivered to a person (e.g. Director or Quality Manager) who is not involved in any part of the analysis nor interpretation of results. This person has the responsibility to conceal the identity of the test samples (e.g. by removing any documentation in the parcel which might then reveal its contents).

If there is no such person within the same organization and for countries where a UNODC Field Office is available, the local UNODC Representative should be specified as the importer of the samples for the ICE participating laboratory on the import certificate. The UNODC Representative will then receive the samples and ensure confidentiality of the nature of the test samples before onward delivery to the laboratory.



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LIST 1A: List of substances included in the menu of the seized materials (SM) group

All substances in the following list must be included in import certification in order to fulfil International and/or National exporting requirements

Group of substances	Substances	Quantity in g
AMFETAMINE TYPE STIMULANTS	Amphetamine	0.100
	Metamphetamine	0.200
	3,4-Methylenedioxymetamphetamine (MDMA)	0.200
BENZODIAZEPINES	Etizolam	0.100
	Flualprazolam	0.100
CANNABINOIDS	Δ^9 -Tetrahydrocannabinol (delta-9-THC)	0.100
	Cannabis plant	0.500
	Cannabis resin	0.200
COCAINE	Cocaine	0.200
HALLUCINOGENIC DRUGS	Ketamine	0.100
OPIATES	Fentanyl	0.100
	Heroin	0.200
OTHERS	4-Bromo-2,5-dimethoxyphenethylamine (2C-B)	0.100
	N-Ethylnorpentylone (Ephylone)*	0.100
	3,4-Methylenedioxypyrovalerone (MDPV)	0.100
	2-Methylmethcathinone (2-MMC)	0.100
	3-Methylmethcathinone (3-MMC)	0.100
	4-Methylmethcathinone (4-MMC)	0.100
ADULTERANTS/DILUENTS	Caffeine	0.100
	Lidocaine (Lignocaine)	0.100
	Paracetamol (Acetaminophen)	0.100
	Procaine	0.100

Note:

* N-ethylnorpentylone (Ephylone) may have different names used by Competent National Authorities.

For more information, please refer to the [Multilingual Dictionary of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under International Control - Supplement 2019](#)