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GUIDELINES FOR ALCOHOL DETERMINATION

PROCEDURE FOR THE RE-EXAMINATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED DIGITAL DENSITY METERS

INTRODUCTION

This guideline states the frequency and the procedure to be followed for the re-examination of previously approved digital density meters (DDM) used for the determination of alcoholic strength for excise purposes.

FREQUENCY OF EXAMINATION OF DDM

DDM are very precise instruments. However, they may, over time, give erroneous readings for a variety of reasons. It is therefore necessary to re-examine DDM every two years to ensure that they can accurately determine alcoholic strength for excise purposes.

DDM which have been approved will be re-examined 24 months after the last approval date. The procedure will then be reiterated every 24 months thereafter. Laboratory and Scientific Services Directorate (LSSD) will undertake to advise licensees as re-examination is required.

In addition, excise officers may request the re-examination of DDM at any time.

RE-EXAMINATION OF DDM

DDM are approved and approvals are revoked in accordance with the following procedures:

- the "Protocol for the Certification of a Digital Density Meter",
- the "Protocol for the Examination and Approval of Digital Density Meters"; and
- the letter sent from the LSSD to the licensee with the three Quality Control Spirit samples.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information or enquiries concerning this procedure, DDM protocols or Quality Control Spirits should be communicated to the Chief, Alcohol and Tobacco Section, Laboratory and Scientific Services Directorate at (613) 954-9944.

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