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NOTICE OF DFS FIELD TEST APPROVALS

TO: All Agencies Served by DFS
FROM: Linda C. Jackson, Department Director *Done for LJS*
DATE: January 30, 2023
RE: Revised List of Field Tests Approved for the Detection of Drugs Under 6 VAC 40-30

Pursuant to 6 VAC 40-30-50, the Department of Forensic Science (DFS) has issued a revised list of field tests approved for the detection of drugs. The revised list was published today in the Virginia Register of Regulations, Volume 39, Issue 12, January 30, 2023, pages 1519-1523. The revisions to the list are based on the discontinuation of some previously approved field tests, the reevaluation of some previously approved field tests, and the evaluation of some additional field tests at the manufacturers' request. **This list supersedes all previously published lists of approved field tests under 6 VAC 40-30.**

Under Virginia Code § 19.2-188.1(A), law enforcement officers may testify to the results of any approved field test in any preliminary hearing on a violation of Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1, Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, or subdivision 6 of § 53.1-203. The results of any approved field test are considered presumptive, and law enforcement officers should submit any suspected controlled substances to DFS for confirmatory analysis.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Robyn Weimer, the Chemistry Program Manager, at (804) 588-4049.