

Project 8562 - Fast-Track**Department of Forensic Science****2026 Amendments Required Due to Central Laboratory Relocation****6VAC40-30-30. Request for evaluation.**

A. Any manufacturer that wishes to submit field tests for evaluation shall submit a written request for evaluation to the department director, ~~at the following address:~~

**Director
Department of Forensic Science
700 North Fifth Street
Richmond, VA 23219**

B. For presumptive chemical tests, materials sufficient for at least 10 tests shall be supplied for each drug for which the manufacturer requests evaluation. The materials shall include all instructions, precautions, color charts, flow charts, and other accompanying informational materials that are provided with the test and that describe the use and interpretation of the test. The manufacturer shall also include exact specifications as to the chemical composition of all chemical or reagents used in the presumptive chemical tests. These specifications shall include the volume or weight of the chemicals and the nature of their packaging. Safety Data Sheets for each chemical or reagent shall be sufficient for this purpose.

C. For presumptive mobile instruments, two nonsequentially manufactured instruments and supporting materials shall be supplied for each model for which the manufacturer requests evaluation. These materials shall include all instructions, all training materials regarding the use of the instrument by law enforcement, the instrument specifications, a list of compounds in the instrument's library, and any foundational validation studies. If the manufacturer provides training for users of the instruments beyond the written instructional materials, such training shall be made available for the evaluation. The instruments shall be returned to the manufacturer upon completion of the evaluation.

D. The department's evaluation process will require at least 120 days from the receipt of the written request and all needed materials from the manufacturer.

E. The department will use commonly encountered street drug preparations to examine those field tests submitted for evaluation. In order to be approved, the presumptive chemical test must correctly react in a clearly observable fashion to the naked eye and perform in accordance with manufacturers' instructions

and claims. In order to be approved, the presumptive mobile instrument must perform in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and advertised claims and offer convenience and efficiency in operation as determined by the department.

6VAC40-50-30. Request for evaluation.

A. Any manufacturer who wishes to submit marijuana field tests for evaluation pursuant to this chapter shall submit a written request for evaluation to the department director, at the following address:

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Richmond, VA 23219

B. For chemical tests, materials sufficient for at least 20 marijuana field tests shall be supplied by each manufacturer. The materials shall include any foundational validation studies and all instructions, precautions, color charts, flow charts, and the like that are provided with the marijuana field test and that describe the use and interpretation of the tests. The manufacturer shall also include exact specifications as to the chemical composition of all chemicals or reagents, if any, used in the marijuana field tests. These shall include the volume or weight of the chemicals and the nature of their packaging. Safety data sheets for each chemical reagent shall be sufficient for this purpose.

C. For mobile instruments, two nonsequentially manufactured instruments and supporting materials shall be supplied for each model for which the manufacturer requests evaluation. These materials shall include all instructions, all training materials regarding the use of the instruments by law enforcement, the instrument specifications, and any foundational validation studies. If the manufacturer provides training for users of the instruments beyond the written instructional materials, such training shall be made available for the evaluation. The instruments shall be returned to the manufacturer upon completion of the evaluation.

D. The department's evaluation process may require up to 90 days from the receipt of the written request and all needed materials from the manufacturer.

E. The department will use Cannabis plant material, including both marijuana and industrial hemp, to assess those marijuana field tests submitted for evaluation. In order to be approved, the marijuana field test must correctly and consistently react in a clearly observable fashion and distinguish marijuana from industrial hemp. The field test must perform in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and claims and offer convenience and efficiency in operation as determined by the department.