

Information for sample preparation and analytical services

1. Instructions for sampling and sample expedition

Every sample must be identified by abbreviation, code and description. Honey samples must be preserved in clean glass jars, tightly closed. Samples for sensorial analysis should not be kept in plastic containers or any type of container previously used.

In order to perform microbiological and sensorial analysis it is preferred to receive separate samples, different from those for other tests.

To be sure that the sample is sufficient for the requested tests and repetition (in the case), recommended quantities are:

Honey **250 g**

Beeswax **25 g**

Royal jelly **15 g**

Pollen **15 g**

2. General informations about analytical services

a. Sample preservation in APHIS Laboratory

After tests performing, the samples are kept in adequate conditions at least 3 months, in case a repetition is needed. After this interval, the samples are no longer available.

b. Results presentation

APHIS laboratory will indicate at request the time until the results are presented. The period will be set by mutual agree. If the client wants some of the tests to be done in emergency state, those analysis will be clearly mentioned on the application form and they will be treated as so.

One of the original results report will be send by regular mail, fax or directly handed to the client.

Laboratory will announce the clients in any case of delay of the terms priorly established.

c. Data confidentiality

Data referring to the clients' samples taken for analysis will be processed according to OG. 9/1992.

3. Analysis request

Please use the Laboratory's application (Annex) for requests of sample analysis. A clear and precise description of the tests (see code of methods according to the Annex) should be made for given samples.