



FAEE Proficiency Test

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To whom it may concern

The Board of the Society of Hair Testing (SoHT) has made the decision to postpone proficiency tests for fatty acid ethyl esters (FAEE) for an undefined period. This is due in part to the small number of participating laboratories enrolled on the FAEE proficiency test program but is also a consequence of the lack of uniformity surrounding the analysis and interpretation of FAEE test results making certification of laboratories unreliable.

The SoHT will however, strongly support efforts of laboratories providing FAEE testing, on a routine and/or research basis, to organize an inter-laboratory comparison in order to harmonize fundamental method and interpretation parameters, e.g. the type and number of FAEE compounds measured for result determination, use of the sum or the individual results for the chosen FAEE, and sample pretreatment issues like washing.

When these problems are resolved and recommendations can be given to the hair testing community, the SoHT will reconsider a resumption of its FAEE proficiency testing program.

The SoHT Board