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Amazon Requirements For Dietary Supplements

Amazon is tightening requirements for supplements sold through their platform, now calling for a “Certificate of Analysis (COA) from an ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory”. These new rules entail supplement brands to submit documentation of their products being tested by laboratories following proper quality assurance methods.

Both new and existing supplement brands aiming to sell their products on the Amazon platform must now provide a:

- Certificate of Analysis from an ISO/IEC 17025 Accredited Laboratory
- Product Packaging Picture (PPP)
- Letter of Guarantee from the Manufacturer (LoG)

For a full list of new requirements, view the Amazons guidelines at: <https://sellercentral.amazon.com/gp/help/external/55N3JF2WQS7RVNE>.

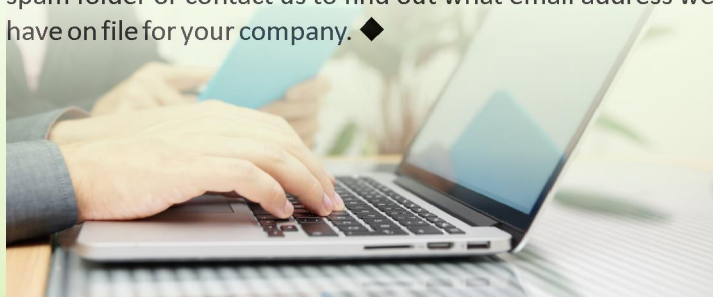
PJLA is prepared to meet the Amazon May deadline and look forward to supporting the laboratories with this new mandate. ♦



PJLA Invoice Notice

ATTENTION ALL PJLA ACCREDITED ORGANIZATIONS:

Please be aware that all invoices are being sent via email to the email address we have on file for your company. After your assessment, please keep an eye out for any incoming emails from receivables@pjlabs.com. If you are having trouble locating these invoices, try checking your spam folder or contact us to find out what email address we have on file for your company. ♦



2020 Common Findings

CALIBRATION

- 7.8 Reporting the Results
- 8.9 Management Review
- PL-1 Proficiency Testing
- 7.1 Review of Requests, Tenders and Contracts
- 7.2 Selection, Verification, and Validation of Methods

TESTING

- 6.4 Equipment
- 7.8 Reporting the Results
- 8.8 Internal Audits
- 8.9 Management Review
- 6.2 Personnel



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2020 Annual Assessor Training

The annual PJLA Assessor Conclave looked a bit different this year. Assessors were provided with a series of virtual training including updates to our various programs: environmental, medical, cannabis, food, inspection and reference material production. This was well attended and various discussions took place to make improvements to our accreditation programs. Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. would like to thank our staff for all of their efforts in adapting to coordinate another successful annual assessor forum. ♦



PJLA Visits The Spott In Kalamazoo

The Spott President Linda Palmatier and Lab Manager Craig Runk visit with PJLA President Tracy Szerszen. ♦



Client Spotlight: Method Testing Labs

Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation Inc. is happy to introduce Method Testing Labs (MTL), an ISO/IEC 17025 accredited testing laboratory based in Tampa, Florida. MTL was founded by experienced professionals from the cannabis industry. In addition to providing a wide range of tests, their core focus is delivering customer-focused value with accurate results, fast turnaround times, and superior customer service.

MTL labs boasts an experienced team that is comprised of chemists, pharmaceutical scientists, researchers, and leaders in the cannabis and hemp industries.

“ISO 17025:2017 accreditation was a major milestone for our business. One of the first things that many new customers ask for is our accreditation certificate.” – Rob Radke

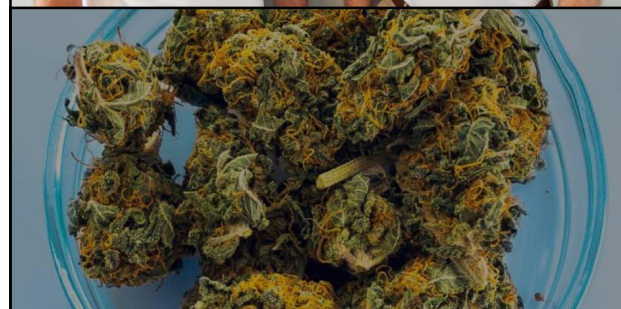
Cannabis consumers and producers are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of testing. Making sure samples are being tested at a laboratory that holds itself to the industry’s highest standards is more important than ever. With Florida’s state governments considering legalizing cannabis for adult use, MTL is fully prepared with ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation to verify the safety of the state’s cannabis products in the future.

At this time, Method Testing Laboratories (MTL) is focused on establishing operations in Florida. “It is the best state in the U.S. for both hemp and medical marijuana.” – Keith Browning

Delivering value to our customers with accurate results, fast turnaround times, and superior customer service. ◆



<https://methodtestinglabs.com>



Congratulations To Our Assessor Of The Year – Bryan Moffatt



PJLA would like to congratulate PJLA Assessor and Technical Committee Chair Bryan Moffatt for receiving the assessor of the year award for 2020. Bryan has been with PJLA since 2009 assessing multiple calibration laboratories within the United States and globally. He has been a great asset to PJLA and we certainly appreciate his contributions and loyalty to us. He also, serves as our technical committee chair which is a critical committee to PJLA's operation. This committee reviews and ratifies all PJLA technical policies such as Proficiency Testing, Measurement Uncertainty, Measurement Traceability, Scope of Accreditation and PJLA's risk analysis. ◆

Tracy Szerszen Featured In PJRFSI Webcast

Join CEO Michael Gannon, Senior LIMS Consultants Russel MacKenzie and Jai Bhana from Orbis Labsystems along with Tracy Szerszen, President, Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. (PJLA), as we talk about laboratory compliance requirements, what a LIMS system does and how it benefits your organization as well as why and when it is important to use accredited labs for your products.



Ensuring Product Safety, Accreditation & Regulatory Compliance Using Laboratory Information Management System, "LIMS"

Thursday - May 6, 2021

Speakers:

- Michael Gannon, CEO, Orbis Labsystems
- Russel MacKenzie, Senior LIMS Consultant, Orbis Labsystems
- Jai Bhana, Senior LIMS Consultant, Orbis Labsystems
- Tracy Szerszen, President, PJLA

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Testimonial:

"I have been attending these webinars offered for various sections of new ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standards. I enjoy the presentations and the contents have been very useful and applicable for me who work in the Quality Assurance Section of our laboratory. I have a direct involvement with our laboratory Quality System (QS) including creating and updating of our Quality Manual, performing internal audits, and providing QS trainings as examples of some of the related tasks.

I also would like to take this opportunity and thank Mr. Kramer for the great job he does in creating and presenting these webinars. The availability of the webinars for future access are a very useful resource to use for future reference, refresher to learn more about each topic, etc."

– Fathieh Shafiee

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- Friday, April 23 – 1:00pm EST
Implementing ISO/IEC 17020 Inspection Body Accreditation in the Information Security Industry
- Monday, April 26 – 1:00pm EST
A Look at ISO/IEC 17025:2017: Requirements Concerning Impartiality and Confidentiality

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