



U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

Accredited Commercial Laboratories,

As stated in Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Regulations 19 CFR 151.12 (j)(4), commercial laboratories accredited by Customs must limit statements or wording regarding their accreditation to an accurate description of the tests for the commodity group(s) for which accreditation has been obtained.

This letter is to inform you that starting on January 1, 2022, you must distinguish and identify by separating into different sections of the reports (1) commodities tested or analyzed and/or tests, analyses and methodologies used or performed for which CBP accreditation has been granted and (2) commodities tested or analyzed and/or tests, analyses and methodologies used or performed for which CBP has not granted accreditation. Before January 2022, instances of non-compliance to this requirement will be issued as an observation. After that date the failure to follow this new order, requirement and procedure may subject the offending party to administrative and judicial sanctions, including but not limited to, penalties, liquidated damages and suspension or revocation of accreditation.

If you have any questions about this matter or any other aspect of the CBP Commercial Gauger and Laboratory Approval and Accreditation Program, please contact Dr. Justin Shey of my staff at cbpgaugherslab@cbp.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Fluty
Executive Director
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