

SCS Food Import Services



SCS has more expertise with FDA sampling and testing protocols than any other testing body. With experienced samplers in Los Angeles, Miami, Nogales, Seattle and most major US ports, SCS provides fast results to get your packet to FDA and through clearance.

FDA Detention Testing -We get you through it

SCS takes the uncertainty out of import detention by providing expedited agricultural residue sampling and testing services. For growers and shippers importing food products on the FDA Import Alert list or being held for detention* without examination (formerly automatic detention), SCS provides a turnkey solution.

With more than 35 years of experience with FDA testing protocols and daily contact with FDA representatives, SCS provides fast, knowledgeable service for importers.

- We will partner with your customs broker and provide the specific FDA import requirements for approval. SCS confirms that your packet is prepared properly to meet FDA clearance requirements the first time.
- If illegal agricultural residues are found by FDA inspectors and shipment of the commodity is refused entry, our on-call staff can contact FDA compliance officers to confirm appropriate sampling and testing protocols. SCS samplers can meet your shipment at the warehouse or other shipping location.

* If an exporter is placed on FDA Detention, every new shipment from that exporter must then be analyzed by a private laboratory for the same illegal pesticide. If a shipment is found to contain pesticide residues below the established Level of Quantification (LOQ), FDA will allow it to be released. After 5 clean shipments the exporter may petition to be removed from the Import Alert list.

FDA Import Pretest

SCS offers a targeted pesticide residue screen—identical to the testing used by the FDA in its import testing program—which can be performed in advance to help ensure that you and your suppliers do not become listed by FDA.

FDA Approved for

- Fresh produce
- Herbs and spices
- Processed foods
- Seafood
- Poultry

Testing Specialties

- Pesticide residue / Pesticide compliance
- Pathogens including shigella, salmonella, and e. coli
- Filth

Accreditations

- Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)
- Food Analysis Performance Assessment Scheme (FAPAS)

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Agricultural Residue Testing for Export from the U.S.



We get you through it

SCS provides agricultural residue testing solutions for produce exports to expedite your product through delivery. Our Food Export professionals provide guidance and support to ensure that your produce meets the requirements for import to Japan, Taiwan, United Kingdom, or other countries throughout Europe and Asia.

Each country has established different approved used and tolerances (or MRLs) for pesticide residues. SCS maintains a database of the MRLs across international borders as well as staying at the forefront as pesticides are developed and their use changes.

Our labs continually invest in new equipment to keep up with the latest testing protocols and standard requirements.

Benefits

- Fast Sampling/Testing Turnaround
- Competitive Rates
- Unmatched Industry/Government Experience

United Kingdom

The maximum residue limit (MRL) for agricultural residues in the UK is known as the UK Screen. SCS performs this screen for suppliers to retailers such as Marks & Spencer, Tesco and ASDA / Wal-Mart. For produce consumed by children, the U.K. only allows 0.01 ppm on all pesticides.

Japan

Japan uses a "Positive List System" in which MRLs for 66 pesticides are supplemented with provisional MRLs for 472 additional pesticides. Violations of the thresholds can result in rejection of a shipment, and can be cause to ban the exporter from Japanese markets.

SCS is recognized by the Japanese Ministry of Health Labor and Welfare to perform pesticide residue testing for exported

food going to Japan. Additionally, SCS has the experience and knowledge of US pesticides and their use to test only the classes of compounds most likely to be present, saving you precious time.

Taiwan

SCS has worked with the National Toxics Lab in Taiwan to ensure that our testing methods and standards will detect all of the pesticides listed on its banned list.

Asia and Europe

SCS has participated in round-robin testing programs with the Netherlands, North Korea, Canada, Germany, Australia and Norway to ensure that our testing methods and results are consistent with those of major US export countries.

Program Process

SCS samplers can meet your shipment at the warehouse or other shipping location. Contact us today to begin the process. Expedited service is available.

Additional Services

- Pesticide Degradation Studies
- Nutrition and Flavor Analysis
- Soil and Water Analysis
- HACCP Sanitation Services

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