



PACKAGING CONSULTANTS INTERNATIONAL



Laboratory Certificate #36-B-00155

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TO: PCI Customers

This letter is to inform you that Packaging Consultant International's (PCI) has **successfully attained the addition of the Mold and Yeast test – SM 8.112 – to our ISO 17025 scope of accreditation** after our re-accreditation audit in July of 2019 by A2LA. We successfully demonstrated our laboratory competency to the certification body for this test which we have been accurately and repeatedly performing for many years.

This accreditation applies to mold and yeast testing, performed using poured medium in a Petri dish, which is the procedure utilized for most test samples submitted to PCI. For that reason, the accreditation does include PCI-prepared environmental plates that are submitted for mold and yeast assessment. It does not apply to test results obtained using the direct medium pour method which coats the inner surface of the sample container.

While this does not change our method of testing, as we will continue to test as we have in conformance with the procedure, it does change the test reports that you will receive. No longer will there be an asterisk (“*”) by the “Mold/Yeast Count” column heading, with an explanation that says that: ‘*The test results are not covered by our current A2LA accreditation.’

Because the test results for bacteria count, coliform, and now mold and yeast are accredited, for test data reports that report these data this notation will no longer appear. For test data reports that discuss pathogen data, this sentence will continue to appear on the test report form, as we move forward with accreditation efforts for these test procedures as well.

We have available a copy of our updated Scope of Accreditation, if desired.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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