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<b>APPENDIX 4</b> (SOP Handling of Test Items) <b>PURPOSE OF SAMPLE TAKEN</b>		

Purpose of sample taken are categorized into four major groups and described as below:-

- **Surveillance**  
 All samples send by Ministry of Health or Health State Department or Health District Department based on agreed schedule, of whether formal, informal or enforcement samples are identified as surveillance samples. The samples must be further identified as Formal (F)/ Informal (I) or Enforcement (E) samples and recorded in Custodian Sample Form.
- **Research/ Monitoring**  
 Sampling planned by the laboratory with cooperation of the internal or external agencies, or purchased by the laboratory personnel.
- **Outbreak/ Crisis/ Food poisoning/ Detained Consignment**  
 All samples received by the laboratory unscheduled or on ad-hoc basis. Please specify the actual sample category.
- **Others**  
 All other samples which are not included as previous group, for example cross-checking samples between laboratories, Proficiency Testing samples, etc.