

Sampling and Shipping of Samples



Sampling

- The sample collection tools should be free from mineral oil contamination.
- Avoid contamination of the sample. Wash hands before sampling and avoid direct contact with the sample as best as possible. Do not use hand creams/similar cosmetics when handling the samples.



Sample size

- Coffee: representative sample, at least 200 g are required for the analysis
- Coffee packaging such as jute bags, plastics, paper, cardboard: at least 40x40cm



Packaging of samples

- Use clean glass or polyethylene terephthalate (PET) containers.
- Add aluminum foil under the screwcap.



Packaging other sample types (food contact materials, jute bags, other packaging)

- Wrap the sample in aluminum foil.



Unsuitable sample containers

- Avoid jute bags, polyolefin (e.g. polyethylene or polypropylene) containers, paper/cardboard. Paperboard boxes are generally not suitable for the secondary packaging of the samples. In case of doubt, an additional layer of a suitable aluminum foil is helpful.
- If the paper/cardboard is part of the pre-packaged food, it should be wrapped in aluminum foil.
- Avoid using rubber rings for sealing the container.



Labeling the sample

- Do not use tape, adhesives, paper or plastic labels.
- Instead, use a permanent marker directly on the aluminum foil or sample container.

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