

**General Sampling Observations
September 2005**

| Office | Percentage of Samples Drawn | | | | No of Bands/Wires on Bale | Space between Bands |
|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| | By Automatic | | By Manual | | | |
| | One Side | Both Sides | One Side | Both Sides | | |
| Argentina | | 100% | | | 6 / 8 | 20 cms aprox |
| Australia | | 100% | | | 8 | 15cm |
| Azerbaijan | | | 10%, 20% | | 10 | 9cm |
| Benin | | | | 100% | 8 / 9 | 11cm / 18cm |
| Brazil | | 100% | | | 6 / 8 | 20 cm / 17cm |
| Cameroun | | 100% | | | 9 | 13cm to 15cm |
| China | 10% | | 10% | | 9,10,11 | 10cm approx |
| Greece | 100% | | 100% | | 6 / 8 | 17cm / 23cm |
| India** | | | 2% | | 9 / 12 | Spiral |
| Ivory Coast | | | | 100% | 7 | 10cm / 15cm |
| Kazakstan | 100% | | | | 8 / 12 | 10cm / 15cm |
| Mexico | | | 100% | | 6 | 30cm |
| Pakistan | | | 2% | | 6-8 | Spiral |
| Paraguay | | | | 100% | 6 | 25cm - 30cm |
| Syria | 1 Gin Only | | 5%-6% / LOT | | 6 | 16 - 21cm |
| Tadjikisatn | | | 10% | | 11 | 10cm -14cm |
| Tanzania | 100% | | | | 7-8 | 12cm - 17cm |
| Togo | | | | 100% | 7-8 | 10cm - 15cm |
| Turkey | | | Random 5% | | 6 | 15cm |
| Turkmenistan | | | Random 5% | | 8 | 10-15 cm |
| Uganda | 100% | | | | 7 / 8 | 13cm / 15cm |
| USA | | 100% | | | 8 | 15cm |
| Uzbekistan | 100% | | | | 10 | 12cm / 14cm |

Advanced Gins take automatically but most gins take manually
Dependent on Gins

NB:In our opinion we consider that a gap of minimum of 12 cms (approx 4 inches) between bands/wires would allow sufficient space for the drawing of samples of suitable quality and quantity for SITC testing

**** In India and Pakistan a common way of sampling is 2 % bale breaking. This means that 2 bales per lot are broken and a sample is drawn from within the bale and then the bales are wired together again.**

****For bales tied with spiral band in our opinion it would not be possible to draw samples of sufficient quality and quantity for SITC testing. Bales tied with spiral bands should have the middle or one band removed to allow necessary space for the drawing of samples. The removal of the middle band ensures that the bale remains intact.**